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## 41 pct of public HS students involved in underage drinking

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An alarming 41 percent of students in public high schools in the CNMI were found involved in underage drinking, based on the records of the Public School System.

» **Public health says figure high compared with US**

In a presentation to PSS Parents' Summit yesterday, it was disclosed that the survey result is the highest recorded on students who consumed alcohol in the last 30 days prior to the actual survey conducted in 2011. PSS' survey is conducted every

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Project Brabu evaluator James Arriola speaks to parents during yesterday's summit of the Public School System held at Saipan World Resort.

## 2 felony charges on inmate release to massage Fitial OK'd

» **Impeachment panel subpoenas documents on neglect of duty charges**

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A special panel reviewing an impeachment resolution against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial adopted late yesterday afternoon two articles on felony charges related to the unauthorized release of a federal inmate in January 2010 to massage the governor in his private residences. The rest of the total 18 articles of impeachment will continue to be reviewed and voted on today.

Fitial can be impeached in the House and convicted in the Senate on only one of the 18 articles of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony.

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

From left, House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), and Rep. Ralph Yumul (IR-Saipan) sit during yesterday's first official meeting of the Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment, wherein two hours were spent reviewing the video footage of last year's testimony of law enforcement personnel including Department of Public Safety Sgt. Arnold K. Seman, shown here on a projector above the lawmakers' head. The impeachment panel adopted yesterday two of 18 articles of impeachment against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.



# Local

## Nominee wants stronger DPS ties with federal, local law enforcement

»Deleon Guerrero says this is key in addressing rising criminality

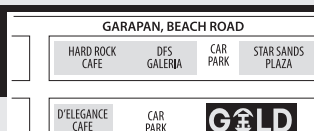
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Newly nominated Department of Public Safety commissioner Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero yesterday said he wants to strengthen the relationship between DPS and federal and other CNMI law enforcement agencies in addressing problems on rising criminality.

"I want our relationship that is sincere and credible," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said DPS has existing

agreements with other law enforcement agencies—federal and CNMI state agencies.

"We need to meet more often. We need to discuss common problems and see what we can do to fight common grounds to leverage one another's resources and authority," the acting commissioner said.

Asked what are his priorities, Deleon Guerrero quickly replied that it is restoring public trust and confidence back to the organization.

"What I mean by that is that the department has been a subject of controversies in the past few months. I would like to see what we could do internally, to reorganize, to reform the institution so to speak," he said.

Deleon Guerrero noted that there are a lot of crimes that have been reported—unsolved homicides, burglary cases, thefts, and robberies.

The acting commissioner also underscored the need to put greater emphasis on domes-

tic violence enforcement along with sexual assault cases that are on the rise.

"In order for me to arrive at potential approach to these things, a thorough assessment has to be performed," he said, adding that he intends to work closely with DPS' partners—federal and CNMI agencies—that may be able to assist the department.

Deleon Guerrero also cited the importance of strengthening the relationship between DPS and direct service providers that provide assistance to victims of crimes.

"I believe in a building block approach where if we start to fix something and it's already fixed, just because there is a crisis somewhere should not make us have to break that thing down and commit resources to where the crisis is at. Because its gonna bring us back to the original problem," he said.

Deleon Guerrero vowed to make certain changes in the department "to the effect that it actually promotes better relationship between the community and the police."

## Lawyer to verify whether phone indeed found in Ayuyu's cell at DOC

Attorney Joaquin Torres said yesterday that he wants to see his client, detained Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (R-Rota), to verify news report that he was placed in isolation at the Department of Corrections after a mobile phone was found in his cell last week.

Torres in an interview said can't comment because he does not know anything about the allegation or the report.

"I don't even know if it's true or not," the lawyer said, adding that neither the U.S. Probation Office nor any other federal or CNMI agencies have contacted him yet about the issue.

Torres also pointed out that he does not know what the regulations of the Department of Corrections as to whether a cellphone is allowed or not.

The defense lawyer said he also can't recall any court order prohibiting the senator from using a cellphone.

As of press time, DOC commissioner Ramon Mafnas has not issued a press statement about the alleged incident.

Last Dec. 19, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the U.S. government's motion to detain Ayuyu pending trial in connection with a new indictment charging him with obstruction of justice for allegedly threatening and tampering with witnesses and attempting

to destroy evidence related to his first case.

After listening to the counsels' arguments, Manglona ruled that the prosecution has met the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence to continue detaining Ayuyu pending trial.

Manglona remanded the 48-year-old Ayuyu into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Manglona cited the senator's conduct when he called on the cell phone Ryan James

Inos Manglona, his co-defendant in the first case, despite a pre-trial release order prohibiting him from contacting the co-defendant.

Federal agents arrested Ayuyu last month after a federal grand jury handed the new indictment charging him with conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding, obstructing an official proceeding, tampering with a witness, suborning perjury, attempting to prevent testimony of a witness, obstructing the due administration of justice, and attempting to destroy or remove seized property.

Ayuyu pleaded not guilty. Ayuyu is currently under indictment for violations of the Endangered Species Act and the Lacey Act for his role in possessing and transporting eight federally protected Mariana fruit bats on Oct. 17, 2010.

(Ferdie de la Torre)



Deleon Guerrero



Ayuyu

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# Cancellation of appointment for CW-1 visa worries alien worker

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An unexplainable cancellation of a CW-1 visa interview appointment worries a long-time Filipino worker on island, asserting that it will have an adverse impact on her vacation and her employment.

The worker, who asked not to be named, said in an interview yesterday that what was supposed to be her opportunity to relieve stress became the source of inconvenience and hassle for her.

She narrated that it took her months to plan her upcoming month-long vacation in the Philippines, scheduling all appointments for interviews and preparing each documentation she would need to ensure that she is able to return back to Saipan where she works as an accountant.

According to the worker, she is scheduled to leave for Manila on Saturday, Jan. 26, prompting her to avail of a Jan. 30 schedule at the U.S. Embassy for her CW-1 visa interview.

Her chosen schedule, she explained, anticipated enough time before the embassy returns her approved visa.

She noted that the visa is needed when obtaining her overseas employment certificate or OEC, a document required under rules and regulations of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration to ensure Filipino workers are properly documented, are eligible to receive government protection and benefits, and are exempted from travel tax and airport terminal fee.

However, the worker was surprised to find out that her Jan. 30 schedule for a CW-1 visa interview was cancelled, disrupting her schedule which takes into account a return trip to Saipan on Feb. 26 then immediately report for work.

Probing for reasons why it was cancelled, the worker called the embassy's hotline to be told that all Jan. 30 CW-1

visa appointments were cancelled because "they could not conduct the interview due to operational requirement by NIV Unit."

NIV stands for non-immigrant visa, the category for the CW-1 visa required from foreign workers who wish to re-enter the Commonwealth after a vacation in a non-U.S. area.

"I asked them to explain what they meant by operational requirement but the person on the other line couldn't do it," said the worker, who also sought an explanation from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Application Support Center at TSL Plaza in Garapan. "They couldn't explain it either. They said that their work is totally different and separate from the embassy."

The worker, who has been working on Saipan since 1992, criticized the lack of further explanation from the U.S. Embassy on the cancellation of all appointments and without taking the initiative to reschedule it automatically.

Because of her cancelled interview, she had to make a

new appointment which is set on Feb. 20 or six days before her scheduled departure from Manila to Saipan.

This meant additional expenses as she has to rebook her return flight because of the need to wait for the release of her visa and reschedule her appointment for OEC application.

The worker also noted additional travel time between Manila, where the embassy is located, and her province in the Visayas region.

"I am worried that all these hassles would jeopardize my position at my company," she said. The worker added that she will attempt to request from the consul who will interview her to expedite the release of her visa, but admits that it's going to be a long shot.

The CW visa category was created pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 signed in May 2008, which placed CNMI immigration under federal control effective Nov. 28, 2009. The regulations, however, were published only in September 2011.

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## Mandatory, random drug testing among law enforcement, regulatory personnel mulled

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House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations Committee chair Rep. Cris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that he is working on legislation requiring mandatory and random drug testing among all law enforcement personnel and regulatory agency inspectors at least twice every year.

Leon Guerrero, a former police sergeant, said this drug testing will not be confined to the Department of Public Safety's Police and Fire Divisions but other agencies as well such as Division of Customs and Division of Fish and Wildlife that have regulatory inspectors.

"In one way or another, this might have an impact on restoring public trust [in law enforcement agencies].

Our community knows that law enforcement [agencies] is drug-free, most of them does, but just to eliminate the people's perception [that some may be not]," he said, adding that this will be done "across the board, not only DPS."

Leon Guerrero said when he was with DPS, he volunteered to undergo drug testing.

He said it's about "setting an example." "If one or some does it, why not everybody?" he said in an interview during a break in the Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment's first official meeting yesterday.

Under his plan, mandatory drug testing will be required among current and incoming law enforcement and regulatory agency inspectors. All those already in these agencies will be subject to random drug testing, he said. Because the bill is a work in progress, it is still open to suggestions and nothing is etched in stone yet.

Deleon Guerrero said he is working with other lawmakers, law enforcement agencies and regulatory agencies.

There is no telling, however, when his bill can be pre-filed because much of their time is spent on the Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment, of which he is a member.

When asked whether he would also push for random drug testing among lawmakers, he said it would be nice to have this implemented, in his personal view.

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He is the first governor in CNMI history to be the subject of an impeachment resolution under special committee review. One impeachment resolution was voted down last year by his allies in the 17th House, but the 18th House leadership revived the impeachment measure this year.

Articles 1 and 2 of House Resolution 18-2 were adopted separately by a vote of 4-1 with two absences.

The four who voted "yes" to each of the two articles were Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), Rep. Cris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Edmund Vilagomez (Cov-Saipan).

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) voted "no" to the two felony charges.

Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) was present during yesterday morning's meeting that began shortly after 9am, but she was absent in the afternoon when the voting was made. Rep. Ray Tebuteb (IR-Saipan) was off-island because of an emergency in the family.

H.R. 18-2's main sponsor is Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), while the 15 other members of the leadership are co-sponsors.

Sablan, in an interview, said he's pleased with the way the first official meeting of the impeachment committee turned out.

"We were able to put two articles to a vote," he said, adding that they had all the documents, video footage, and other materials supporting the allegations.

Once the committee votes on all the 18 articles of impeachment, they will then make a report and recommendation to the full House.

The full House will vote on each of the 18 articles of impeachment, instead of voting on the resolution as a whole.

Only at least 14 "yes" votes are needed in the 20-member House to impeach the governor and move the process to the Senate for trial.

The number of co-sponsors of the resolution—16—is more than enough to impeach the governor and move the process to the Senate, where at least six affirmative votes are needed to convict the governor.

Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) said he's glad that the committee took the time to review the evidence, including the video footage of the testimony to the previous committee last year, before deliberating and voting on the first two articles.

Deleon Guerrero was the chairman of the previous impeachment committee. However, the impeachment resolution was easily voted down by the then majority aligned with the governor.

But a silent majority voted out most of the governor's allies during the Nov. 6 mid-term elections, and the pro-impeachment lawmakers and candidates held close to their heart a "public mandate" to "finish what they started, which is to impeach the governor." They said a silent majority spoke loud and clear that they will no longer tolerate corruption and lack of transparency in government.

### Subpoenas

Yesterday marked the first official meeting of the impeachment panel, beginning at shortly after 9am.

The committee adopted the Rules of Procedure and went straight to discussing the articles of impeachment.

The panel discussed nine articles on neglect of duty related mostly to the governor's failure to timely appoint a Supreme Court chief justice, members of the Civil Service Commission and the Public Utilities Commission, and heads of the Departments of Public Safety, Public Works, and Public Lands.

Dela Cruz said these are "clear cut" articles because of the absence of appointees for these positions.

Rep. Teresita Santos, however, asked that the committee subpoena documents from the administration, the Office of the Attorney General and other agencies to prove whether there are no appointments made to these positions during the period covered by the allegations.

as a preliminary matter to satisfy their obligations under the power purchase agreement.

"What we heard from Mr. Warren also is that the procurement regulations were not followed at least as to him. He spoke from himself that he did not review it," Quichocho said.

On Young's testimony, Quichocho said Young made it very clear that without the new substation for the new power plant, CUC cannot decommission the old one.

"So upfront expenditure is necessary," the lawyer added.

Fitzgerald in a separate interview said they are just trying to get the injunction lifted.

"Our position is the injunction is not necessary anymore because the government says they will not go forward

After a short recess so that members of the leadership could hold a closed-door meeting, Dela Cruz made a motion to subpoena documents from the Fitial administration, OAG, and the agencies involved. Moreover, the committee wrote a letter to the Senate and House clerks requesting relevant documents.

Sablan said the agencies have three working days to provide subpoenaed documents. The committee will then vote on these articles on neglect of duty.

### Charges OKd

While most of the day was spent reviewing evidence and deliberation, it was only at past 5pm when voting on the first two articles on felony was made.

That was preceded by almost a two-hour review of the video footage of the testimony provided by Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections officers last year, and more than an hour more of deliberation.

Dela Cruz, during deliberation in the afternoon, said it was "clear" that a federal inmate was illegally released from prison "to perform services for the governor" in violation of an agreement between the CNMI Department of Corrections and the U.S. Marshal Service on federal detainees.

"I don't know of any individual here or elsewhere where they can call someone to have a prisoner released to perform a service. We have a hospital to take care of emergencies and illnesses. The governor chose to have a detainee, not only a detainee but a federal detainee, removed and escorted to his residence for such a service and Mr. Chair and members, if this isn't a sign of evidence to convince us that this may be impeachable then I don't know what is," Dela Cruz said.

The governor's affidavit itself, along with the testimony provided by witnesses last year and documents obtained, confirmed that the governor had severe backache that led him to look for his masseuse which he later found out was in prison. He requested the then Corrections commissioner for the release of the inmate and brought to his

with the deal," Fitzgerald said.

Quichocho said they want a court-ordered permanent injunction to stop the agreement.

Early this month, the plaintiffs amended their lawsuit against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, CUC, and Saipan Development LLC over the alleged illegal power purchase agreement deal.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that the 25-year power purchase agreement is "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

On Aug. 31, 2012, Wiseman granted the plaintiffs' request to issue a preliminary injunction, which enjoined Fitial and co-defendants from "continuing, pursuing, and/or performing on the power purchase agreement."

residence in Gualo Rai.

Rep. Cris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), a former police officer, echoed Dela Cruz's statements.

Article 1 alleges that on or about Jan. 8, 2010, the governor planned and conspired with others to commit and committed the federal felony of instigating or assisting escape in violation of 18 USC 752.

This federal statute states partly, "Whoever rescues or attempts to rescue or instigates, aids or assists the escape, or attempt to escape, of any person arrested upon a warrant or other process issued under any law of the United States, or committed to the custody of the Attorney General or to any institution or facility by his discretion, shall... if the custody or confinement is for extradition, or for exclusion or expulsion proceedings under the immigration laws, or by virtue of an arrest of or for a misdemeanor, and prior to conviction, be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

Ogumoro, during discussions, said the governor was not charged by any federal agency related to the inmate release that happened two years ago.

She said she has problem with the

## DRINKING

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two years and the 2011 result was determined the highest among the five surveys conducted among high school respondents.

In 2003, PSS determined that there were only 31 percent of high school students who consumed alcohol in the 30 days prior to the survey. Two years later in 2007, the figure went down to 27 percent until it became 25.5 percent in the 2005 survey. PSS saw the continuous progress in the number of minor students who consumed alcohol when it recorded another decline in 2009 survey with only 24 percent.

But for 2011, the rate drastically increased to 41 percent. There were 2,569 students who participated from five public high schools with 78 percent response rate from Grades 9-12.

Based on the PSS record, 24.5 percent of students who surveyed in 2011 indicated that their first drink of alcohol other than a few sips was before the age of 13.

The percentage of students who had at least one drink of alcohol or more in the past 30 days before the survey indicated the following results: 49 percent in 2003; 43.6 percent in 2005; 41.1 percent in 2007; 38.8 percent in 2009; and 41.4 percent in 2011.

According to James Arriola, evaluator of CHC's Project Brabu, alcohol is impacting the youths of the CNMI. Compared to the U.S. statistics of students who currently consume alcohol, he revealed that the CNMI's figure of 40 percent is higher than the rate in the U.S. with only 25 percent.

The CNMI is also higher than U.S. in

language of the resolution. Ogumoro and Santos are from the four-member House minority bloc aligned with the governor or his Republican Party.

At 5:19pm, Dela Cruz made a motion to vote on Article 1.

Four voted "yes" and one voted "no" and two were absent.

Article 2, also a felony charge, alleges that on or about Jan. 8, 2010, Fitial planned and conspired with others to commit and committed the federal felony of "officer permitting escape in violation of 18 USC 755."

This U.S. statute states, "Whoever, having in his custody any prisoner by virtue of process issued under the laws of the United States by any court, judge, or magistrate judge, voluntarily suffers such prisoner to escape, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; or if he negligently suffers such person to escape, he shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

Dela Cruz also made the motion to vote on Article 2 at 5:34pm. Again, four voted "yes," one voted "no" and two were absent.

The impeachment committee meeting resumes at 9am today.

terms of binge drinking among youths with 25 percent compared to U.S. rate of only 15 percent. Binge drinking is drinking alcoholic beverages with the primary intention of becoming heavily intoxicated.

Also disclosed to the parents yesterday was the fact that the drinking and driving rate in the Commonwealth is higher at 15 percent compared with U.S. with only 10 percent.

Arriola cited major consequences of alcohol among youths. He revealed that underage drinking results in poor school performance, violent crimes, driving or riding under the influence of alcohol, and unintentional injuries. Consuming alcohol among minors also caused physical effects on the body and death.

### 'Parents can be penalized, too'

According to Public Health and Department Public Safety officials, underage drinking and its consequences can be eradicated through collaboration and active involvement of the agencies, the community, and parents.

DPS officer Jose Saures, in his presentation about the enforcement of underage drinking laws, pointed out that under Public Law 17-83 stricter penalties were assigned to establishments who will violate the law which include a \$5,000 fine and up to five years imprisonment term if found violating the law for third time.

Saures added that parents can also be penalized for providing alcohol to minors and could be fine \$1,000 and one year prison term.

According to DPS' Vincent Camacho, in December last year, there were seven establishments which sold alcohol to minors.

## CUC

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for the Delaware-based Saipan Development LLC, to present their witnesses.

In an interview after the hearing, Quichocho said the hearing is something like a preliminary injunction all over again because Wiseman wanted to give Saipan Development LLC the opportunity to present evidence and argue against the preliminary injunction.

With respect to Warren's testimony, Quichocho said it goes to show the hardships that CUC is going to have to go through, but subsequently going to pass on to the consumers.

Quichocho said CUC has to come up with \$18 million in their estimates just



# Reyes named to APIL board anew

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Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) appointed yesterday Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) to serve once again as a member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures Board of Directors representing the 18th CNMI Senate. Reyes has served for years on the APIL board starting from the time he was a member of the CNMI House and later on as a senator, including during the 17th Legislature.



Reyes

Reyes' reappointment comes 10 days since the inaugural session of the 18th Senate.

"I am honored to represent again the Senate at APIL. I have been a [member of the] board of directors through many years while a member of the House of Representatives and as a senator," Reyes told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hofschneider said APIL is a

very important tool and resource for the CNMI Legislature.

"We stand ready to support APIL policies and collaborate with the APIL members, and hereby appoint Senator Pete P. Reyes to serve as a member of the Board of Directors representing the 18th Senate of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature," Hofschneider said in yesterday's one-page letter to APIL president and Guam Speaker Judith T. Won Pat. The Guam lawmaker attended the CNMI Senate and House's Jan. 14 inaugural sessions.

APIL seeks to foster regional cooperation on a host of issues such as tourism, airlines, environmental protection, and economic development.

Members include lawmakers from the CNMI, American Samoa, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, Guam, Kiribati,

the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, and Hawaii.

## Fund update

In other news, Hofschneider requested Finance Secretary Larisa Larson to provide the Senate with an update about a law that allows withdrawal of members' contributions from the NMI Retirement Fund and the government's remittance of funds to the pension agency.

The Senate president said there are "many unanswered questions" about these matters.

"It appears the Court has ordered the Retirement Fund to work with the Department of Finance on PL 17-82 matters. The Senate would like an update on PL 17-82 issues and the government's contributions to the Retirement Fund,"

Hofscheider said in a Jan. 23 letter to Larson.

The meeting is set for

Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 1:30pm in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill.

## Beach Road to be closed this morning due to training exercise

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"We apologize for any inconvenience as a result of this important exercise and thank the general public for your patience and understanding," a statement from the Office of the Governor read.

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# CPA no longer pursuing motion to hold Razzano in contempt

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is no longer interested in pursuing its motion to have NMI Retirement Fund trustee *ad litem* Joseph C. Razzano held in contempt.

CPA counsel Robert T. Torres yesterday informed Superior

Court judge pro tempore Timothy H. Bellas about CPA's plan to resolve the issue of its motion for an order to show cause.

Bellas, took CPA's motion off calendar and

set a status conference on prohibitions by the CNMI

March 20 at 10am.

## » Former judge Bellas starts holding hearing in Fund lawsuit

At the status conference, the judge pro tempore wants to see among other things, the status of the pending motions for writ of mandamus and

government before the CNMI Supreme Court and any rulings on that as well as any other issues on post judgment enforcement.

As all Superior Court judges recused, Bellas is now handling the Fund's lawsuit against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the CNMI government.

Last month, CPA filed the motion to hold Razzano in contempt for allegedly ignoring court orders and failure to comply with Public Law 17-82.

Public Law 17-82 allows Fund members to withdraw the full amount of their contribu-

tions without separating from the government.

CPA alleged that Razzano has failed to report to Superior Court on efforts to collect on the judgment and has refused to update the court and all parties in this lawsuit about the Fund's financial status.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* shortly after the brief hearing yesterday that very recently, Razzano has finally started filing documents and pleadings and information with the Superior Court.

"This is a good thing. So in light of the attention to the parties here in the Superior Court,

CPA finds it appropriate to take the motion off calendar and refocus the attention on the efforts to collect and satisfy the judgment and that includes any post judgment hearings and if possible, any settlement discussions," he said.

Torres stressed that ultimately CPA is interested to have the judgment satisfied so that its contributions would be invested and its retirees and members' interests are protected.

In 2009, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo ruled that the CNMI government owes the Fund \$282 million in damages and that the law suspending government contributions to the Fund is unconstitutional.



Razzano

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## District-wide accreditation highlighted in PSS parent summit

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The Public School System and the Board of Education conducted yesterday the 2013 State Parent Summit which saw the participation of about 200 attendees, mostly officers and representatives of individual public schools' parents-teachers-school associations.

State Parent Advisory Council president and newly elected BOE member Janice A. Tenorio was elated on the overall turnout of the event, which discussions focused on the district wide accreditation for PSS.

Tenorio said that the summit aims to educate all parents—through their PTSA officers—to be aware of what's happening inside and within the system including important processes such as school

accreditation.

Yesterday's event was held at Saipan World Resort from 8am through 2pm. Besides participating parents, some representatives from private and the public sectors also graced the occasion including officials from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Division of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, and the American Red Cross CNMI-Chapter.

During the event's breakout session, parents were divided into groups where each received comprehensive discussion and knowledge about topics that are important in maintaining good accreditation standards.

At the end of the session yesterday, parents were given the opportunity to provide their feedbacks on the information presented to them, which Tenorio revealed, will

be brought to the table for further discussion by the State Advisory Council and education board.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D, also talked about PSS' initiatives, the important role of parents in their children's education, and the importance of the district wide accreditation for PSS in her welcoming remarks yesterday.

Besides the annual parents' summit, Tenorio said yesterday that all schools have an open-door policy to hear and work with parents in whatever concerns and visions they may have to improve quality of students' education.

After the summit, Tenorio is hopeful that parents will walk away with full knowledge and understanding on how PSS works for the betterment of their children's education. She is also expecting that the summit would result to more parental involvement in all schools.



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# Kilili remains ranking member on Insular Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan will continue to be the ranking member of the House subcommittee with responsibility for insular affairs in the 113th Congress. Sablan's position on the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Areas was confirmed when the Democratic Caucus of the Natural Resources Committee approved its subcommittee leaders and membership on Tuesday. In addition, Sablan will now join the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

"I thank my Democratic Caucus colleagues for approving me to serve again as Ranking Member on a Subcommittee that has such broad responsibilities, not only for insular issues, but for ocean policy and the protection of fisheries and terrestrial wildlife, as well," Sablan said.

"And I look forward to continuing the good working relationship I have enjoyed with Subcommittee chair Dr. John Fleming of Louisiana.

"While we may not always agree on every issue before the Subcommittee, Chairman Fleming has been quite supportive of the insular areas legislative issues under his review. Generally speaking, insular area

legislation is nonpartisan and judged on its own merits both in the Subcommittee and at the full Committee level."

Sablan said he has already mapped out some of his legislative goals for the 113th Congress. "Certainly, we will be taking up my territorial sea bill again," Sablan said. "Having had the legislation pass the House twice — 416-0 and 397-0 — it has been frustrating to see the Senate keep the measure from being enacted each time," said Sablan.

"But perseverance is always the key here in Congress. And we may have the opportunity to put the territorial sea bill into a larger Omnibus Territories Act that we are now considering along with American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and Guam."

Sablan also singled out H.R. 44, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, introduced by Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo as an important item on the Subcommittee agenda. "I do support compensation being paid to those people on Guam, who were raped or interned or otherwise injured during the Japanese occupation, or to their survivors,"

the Congressman said. "We need to settle this issue once and for all."

Bordallo's bill provides funding for the compensation, which has previously been a stumbling block to passage of her legislation.

Sablan's new membership on the Public Lands Subcommittee should also help him advance Northern Marianas issues. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the

National Park System. Sablan has legislative proposals for the study of appropriate lands on Rota to designate as a national park and for a Tinian annex to Saipan's American Memorial Park, where artifacts related to World War II on Tinian could be collected and interpreted.

National Monuments, including the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, are also part of the responsibility of Sablan's new Subcommittee, which is chaired by Utah Congressman Rob Bishop.

"Mr. Bishop, too, is someone who has been quite friendly to Northern Mariana Islands issues," said Sablan, "and with whom I have been able to work across party lines."

The 26 members of the Pub-

lic Lands Subcommittee oversee the National Wildlife Preservation System, the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, military parks and battlefields, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and international efforts to protect the environment.

The 18-member Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Areas has an equally broad jurisdictional mandate. The Subcommittee looks after the Freely Associate States, Antarctic policy, aquaculture, international fisheries agreements, wildlife refuges, coastal zone management, marine sanctuaries, and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, amongst other responsibilities.

"As island people with an economy based largely on tourism and the quality of our environment, our welfare in the Northern Marianas is very much linked with the environmental policy issues that are the core work of the Natural Resources Committee and the two Subcommittees I am on," Sablan explains. "And not just our islands, but our nation — and the entire world for that matter — depends on our efforts to conserve and protect our natural environment for today and for all time." (PR)



Sablan

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Jan. 25, 2000

### Loans eyed to augment government scholarship

The administration has completed drafting a proposal that will set in place a new scheme to extend adequate financial assistance to local college students without putting much pressure on the depleting public coffers. The proposal is now up for review by officials of the Public School System and the Northern Marianas College, as well as members of the 12th CNMI Legislature. Forced by diminishing resources, the government has been exploring alternative ways to continue providing local college students with financial assistance while assuring that funding for other essential programs remain in place.

### Demapan seeks dismissal of illegal gambling charges

Former Senate President Juan S. Demapan, Chinese businessman Ping Yin Cheung and six others yesterday asked the Superior Court to dismiss the criminal case filed against them claiming that the CNMI does not have a lawfully appointed Attorney General to file and prosecute any charges against them. In a motion filed through their lawyer Joseph Aldan Arriola, the eight who have been accused of committing illegal gambling by the AGO said the case filed against them must be dismissed on grounds that it violated the CNMI Constitution. According to Mr. Arriola, the AGO could not bring any charges against these defendants because the CNMI Constitution requires that an Attorney General must be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Jan. 25, 2001

### Students told: Be active on environmental issues

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday urged students of Mount Carmel School to actively participate in the agency's effort to prevent the continued reproduction of brown tree snakes on the island. Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Joaquin Tenorio disclosed the department has been actively collaborating with various government agencies on the island in putting up brown tree snake traps in several delicate areas. Aside from forested places, the DLNR has also set up traps in several seaports, airports and other areas where brown tree snakes normally and easily thrive. Mr. Tenorio asked the students to refrain from tampering with the brown tree snake traps which were set up at the park and other tourist sites to effectively implement the program.

### Private firms' help eyed to identify needed labor

The Public School System will tap the assistance of various private and public agencies on the island to identify the needed labor force in hopes to sustain the growing demands of the Commonwealth. Aside from possible collaborative effort with these businesses, the school system is also looking into the effective implementation of on-the-job training program to help students gain first-hand work experiences. Acting Associate Commissioner on Secondary Education Rita A. Sablan discussed these probabilities following the recently conducted Vocational Education Training.

Jan. 25, 2002

### Bill seeks to pay land compensation claims

As he had promised in his inauguration speech, House Floor Leader Jesus T. Attao has revived legislative efforts that would allow the CNMI government to borrow \$40 million to pay off all outstanding land compensation claims. Attao has pre-filed House Bill 13-001, which seeks to authorize the Division of Public Lands to borrow \$40 million, to be used for the retirement of land compensation claims against the Commonwealth. The bill's number indicates that it was the very first bill introduced in the 13th House of Representatives. Bills of a similar nature had been introduced in earlier Legislatures but they all failed to pass into law.

### CPA seeks FAA help on security plan

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is seeking the assistance of the Federal Aviation Administration in implementing its 2002 Airport Security Plan to ensure proper compliance with the federally-mandated safety standards. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas asked the federal agency to perform a site survey of the Saipan International Airport terminal area where the agency plans to install the Explosive Detection System.

## MHS senior receives national honor

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REPORTER

A senior student of Marianas High School recently received national honor after being accepted to the National Society of High School Scholars.

Glorily Iida Williams, 18, was recognized for her scholastic achievements and excellent academic records in high school. She is the daughter of Timothy and Rumi Williams.

The national society recognized top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. Williams' membership to the prestigious organization was announced by NSHSS founder and chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Glorily has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence. Glorily is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future," stated Nobel in her letter to the student.

According to the society's president, James Lewis, the organization's vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities. "We aim to help students like Glorily build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community," he added.

Formed in 2002, the national society recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. There are more than 800,000 scholar members in over 160 countries at present.

Membership in the society entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, members-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, among others.



Williams

## Recent tax decisions to be discussed in SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) CNMI Chapter is pleased to announce its January general membership meeting on the topic of "Recent Tax Decisions That Affect Employers & Employees," which will be presented by David J. Burger, CPA, of Burger and Comer, P.C.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sand Castle on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, from

11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and employees to learn more about the important federal tax changes and decisions, which will affect both businesses and individuals. Other CNMI tax issues will also be addressed.

Burger will present on important topics such as:

- How the "Fiscal Cliff" agreement affects you

- The exemption of Filipinos working in the CNMI from FICA taxes between now and Dec. 31, 2014

- Rebates on the FICA taxes already deducted

- What will be the procedure to reimburse these payments

- The IRS' announcement that they would no longer impose Old-age Survivors, and Disability Insurance, or OASDI, tax on Philippine nationals who are working in the CNMI during the transition period to imple-

mentation of full U.S. immigration scenario that is currently scheduled to occur on January 1, 2015.

- Other CNMI and Federal tax issues

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Malou Jardinero at 234-7171 local 1518 or e-mail her at malou\_jardinero@tanholdings.com. (SHRM)



# PDM Promoters thanks Docomo Pacific



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PDM Promoters, Inc. director Misako Kamata, center, presents a plaque of appreciation to Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson and retail operations manager Pauline Johnson during a brief ceremony on Monday.

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REPORTER

PDM Promoters Inc. recognized Docomo Pacific for its continued support to the nonprofit group.

Director Misako Kamata presented Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson and retail operations manager Pauline Johnson with a plaque of appreciation during a brief ceremony Monday at the telecommunication company's office on Middle Road.

## HS students invited to join Marianas Next Top Model

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REPORTER

High school students in the CNMI are invited to join the upcoming Marianas Next Top Model.

Now on its third year, Marianas Next Top Model is a contest focused at promoting the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, and respect for mother nature.

Event coordinator Sharmaine Casquero said on Wednesday that the contest is open to male or female youngsters 16 to 18 years old, have pleasing personality, with good moral character, and care about the environment.

Casquero said she and other hairstylists are involved in the planning and preparation for the event which be conducted in collaboration with environmental agencies and organizations on island.

An advocate for the environment, Casquero said she sees the annual event as her "legacy," a way of promoting environmental stewardship to the public, particularly the youth.

Organizers will hold a screening event on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Hard Rock Café, wherein they will announce the roster of candidates.

According to Casquero, some of last year's participants have already expressed interest in joining this year's competition.

She said participants will be required to attend not only photo shoots and modeling training but also workshops and meetings discussing various issues that affect the environment.

Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters said yesterday that Docomo Pacific is one of the three major sponsors that give annual financial support to their group.

"Docomo Pacific has been supportive of PDM Promoters for six years now," she said.

According to Siwa, Docomo Pacific's yearly sponsorship has helped sustain their programs such as the Annual Christmas Tree Decoration Contest and the activities of the Saipan Awaodori

Team, which is managed and trained by PDM Promoters.

Through the years, Docomo Pacific contributes in paying for the uniforms and other expenses of the young Awaodori dancers on island.

"Since we are a nonprofit group, we rely on the contributions of local businesses and Docomo Pacific is one of our generous sponsors year after year," Siwa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Besides Docomo Pacific, the contest, which would also serve as a fundraiser for their chosen beneficiary.

"We want to encourage high school students to take part in our event which underscores the environment," added Casquero.

For more information, call 233-2643.

two other major sponsors of PDM Promoters that also received plaques of appreciation are DFS Galleria Saipan and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the

charitable arm of Tan Holdings.

Siwa said that all three sponsors rally around PDM Promoters' efforts to make Paseo de Marianas a safe, clean, and fam-

ily oriented place to visit among locals and tourists.

PDM Promoters is also known for organizing the Annual Awaodori Festival and conducting monthly cleanups in Garapan.

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### EDITORIAL

## Morsi's condemnations of Jews should concern us all

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad long ago forfeited any claim to being a reasonable world leader capable of contributing to the cause of peace. He chose instead vicious, bigoted condemnations of Americans, Jews, Israel and the West, to the point that he became more cartoon character than statesman.

Simply, he has discredited himself, through word and deed, making life more difficult for the Iranian people and more dangerous for everyone else. His language of hate has been rejected repeatedly and decisively.

He remains a problem as long as he remains in office, but as Israel and the U.S. learned recently, he might not be the most urgent current problem.

Video of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi surfaced this month that echoes many of the most reprehensible Ahmadinejad slurs. Shot in 2010, before Morsi was elected president, it shows him urging Egyptians to "nurse our children and our grandchildren on hatred" for Jews and Zionists. In a television interview months later, he described Zionists as "these bloodsuckers who attack Palestinians, these warmongers, the descendants of apes and pigs."

Ahmadinejad makes no pretense of cooperation with the U.S., Israel or the West. His language of hate is pure and unadulterated. Morsi, on the other hand, plays a pivotal role in the world's hopes, however bruised and tenuous, of peace in the Middle East.

Morsi, a political chief in the Muslim Brotherhood when he made those comments, now claims they were taken out of context, that he meant only to denounce the Israeli military for killing Muslims. The U.S. is officially unmoved, and the Obama administration has thoroughly rejected his comments.

The larger context is that Morsi, like Ahmadinejad before him, gives voice to a mentality not uncommon in the Arab and Muslim world. They are not the first to urge their people to hate and harm Jews, to dehumanize them as a matter of course.

Also part of that context is Morsi's actions as a democratically elected president. Caustic as a Muslim Brotherhood political leader, he has proven more pragmatic as his nation's political leader.

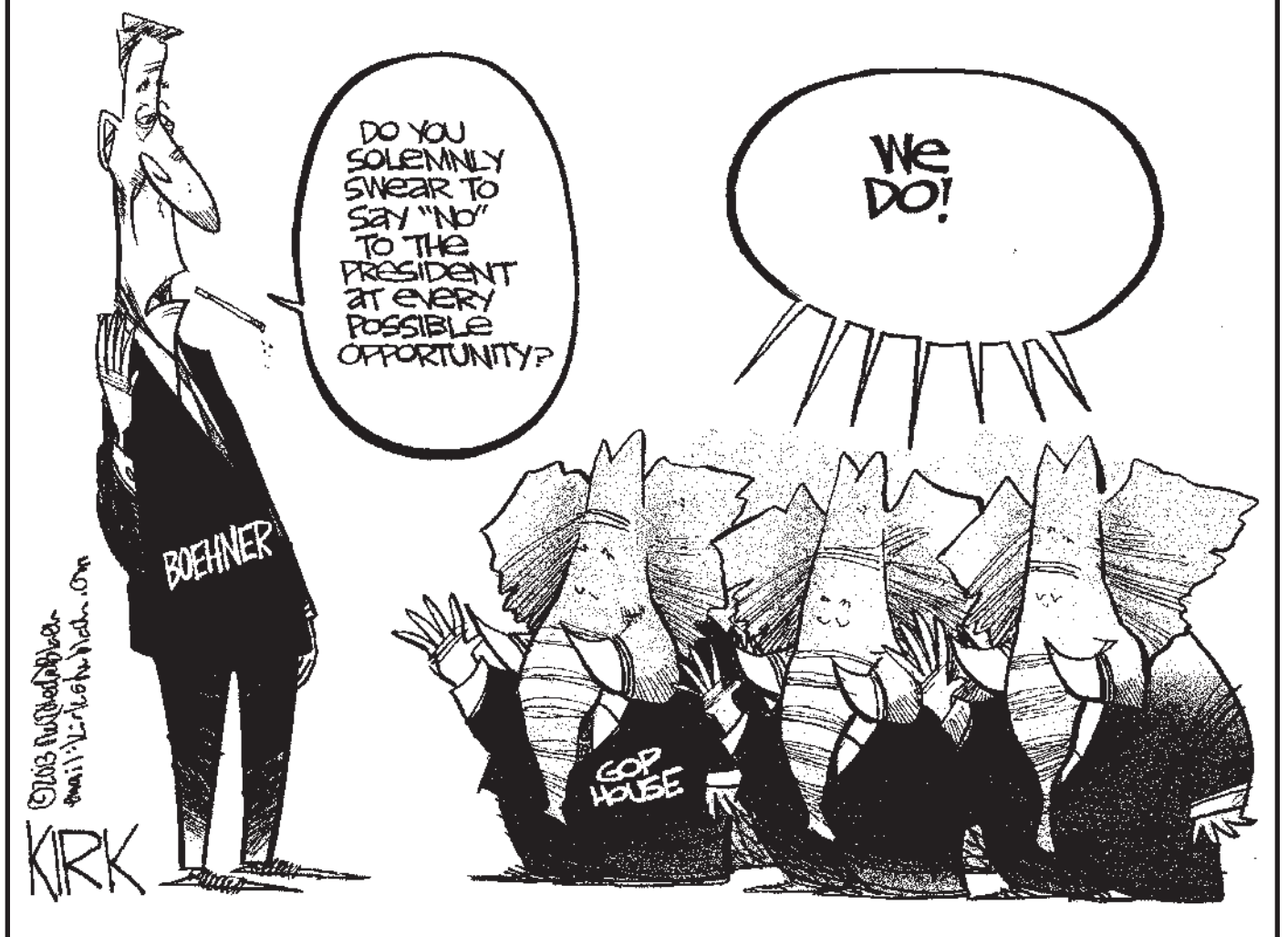
Simply, America cannot afford to isolate Morsi and Egypt. U.S. officials must continue to appeal to the president, who has effectively left his nation's foreign policy toward Israel unchanged and who proved a helpful broker in Israel's recent conflict in Gaza.

Similarly, Morsi has strong incentives to maintain and build a relationship with the U.S. Even if his past statements raise questions about what's in his heart going forward, any effort to push him toward the more extreme religious elements in his country helps no one, least of all the U.S., Israel and the West.

Nevertheless, such language from anyone, whatever the context, only serves to perpetuate historical grievances and drive acceptance, understanding and reconciliation further from the scope of hopeful possibility. From a world leader like Morsi, it's particularly reprehensible.

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## The OTHER SWEARING-IN...



## Stone tablets and holiday shots

Now that four full weeks have elapsed since Christmas, I've still yet to make good on promises to send holiday photos to kith and kin. By photos I mean actual prints. Yes, even in this digital age, some people prefer prints, and, even for the folks getting the digital format, prints can be a nice touch when put into a little mini-album.

So, what next? Print them myself, or pay a store to print them? I'm changing my answer this year. I'm heading to the store.

Saipan is shutterbug central, so I'm sure a lot of people have to weigh the store vs. self-printing decision.

I used to print photos from my office to save the hassle of going to a store. But now I'm going to the store to save the hassle of messing with my printers.

That's not a shortcoming of small office/home office ("SOHO") technology. It's just a function of scale. For the past few years, I've only been printing out 20 or so pictures a year.

So, for me, the "photo printer" shares status with "hydraulic floor jack" as something that always belongs somewhere, but for 364.9 days per year that somewhere is somewhere else. And at that point, it's easy to just forget about it entirely.

I've got three photo printers. No, make that four, if we include the junk box in the garage where a sturdy old Epson shares space with a 1976 Ford F250 distributor, a cigar box full of Lucky Lager bottle caps from college, and a random assortment of automotive chemicals.

Alas, as I discovered after Christmas, none of my printers are in a state of readiness. All need new ink, because photo printers always need new ink.

This morning I ordered new ink for the oldest printer, but five seconds after I hit the "Place Order" button I realized I can't find the parallel cable, which is why I had exiled the thing to the garage.

Naturally, all of my printers take different sizes of ink cartridges, and this ink won't be of use in any other printer.

So if anyone out there has a parallel cable that you'd like to trade for a pack of grape Hubba Bubba bubble gum and a (mostly) full can of WD40, then give me a call.

As for the newest printer, we could never figure out how to use it. Its precocious software makes even the simplest task more grueling than a wind sprint through quicksand. It's just not worth the slog to

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dash off a few quick snapshots. This is why we hung on to the older printers; they were easier to use, at least if I haven't managed to lose the cable yet.

And don't forget the photo paper. The good stuff is expensive. And the bad stuff, well, what's the point of going to all this trouble to use the bad stuff?

If we want, we can entertain ourselves with tidy notions about how the "cost per print" of doing it yourself is merely dimes (or whatever; I don't follow this any longer) per shot. But that's assuming enough throughput that the ink cartridge hasn't run dry after you've only used 2 percent of it, that some phantom cleaner-upper in the household hasn't relocated the printer paper to under the toilet plunger, and that the time you allocate to messing with the printer is tallied at zero opportunity cost as "leisure" time and not "labor."

On the other hand, one of the advantages of SOHO equipment is that you can mess with things and tweak them as you see fit. So I'm not suggesting that SOHO photo printing isn't a good idea. It served me well for many years. I'm just noting that once my utilization dropped beneath a certain threshold, it went from really good idea to petty distraction.

Taking the long view, I wonder if physical prints will have much appeal to the younger people who have never known anything but digital technology. Do teenagers even make photo prints? I never thought to notice. For these generations, a physical print might seem as clunky and awkward as a stone tablet.

Maybe I'm among a fading breed of gray hairs who have a preference for the physical photos. Until we all fade away entirely, though, I'll be going to the store a couple of times a year to get my photos printed, just like I did back in 1973. Ah, now that's progress!



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## A nation's portrait, a president's profile

The United States as a nation is a sovereign world power. In its governance, a role is launched this week to be a presider over the affairs of a rapidly changing world in an executive office. The man is Barack Obama. The time is now, all four years worth of it.

The nation Obama heads found itself with trade surpluses after WWII. That took it to a course of imperial power that pitted it against the centralized operations of the Soviets and the managed revolution of China. The Soviets disintegrated and was Balkanized. China took Mao to heart but kept an open mind when leaders like Deng Xiaoping and those who followed, acting like affable pandas than fire belching dragons, hung on to the financial sleeves of Uncle Sam. They shaped the emerging Sino urban landscape, at first, like Singapore, and now, like satellite Pasadena to Los Angeles, with technologies a carbon copy of what Japan and Korea did to miniaturize and make more affordable western know-how. Japan's Yen appreciated while Korea's Won depreciated in the process against the US\$. China tries to avoid either, but in 2012, the Yuan appreciated by more than 10 percent when China-bashing became an American pastime during the presidential election.

In the course of a Cold War, we managed to produce weapons of mass destruction capable of destroying the planet many times over. We reigned over fossil fuel that industrializes the planet, and runs production conglomerates, leaving behind a carbon fingerprint that devastate the planet more than its holding capacity. The biosphere is irreparably damaged and there is no turning back from nature's backlash. What we will witness in the next century is a human biological adaptation as social infrastructures accommodate an evolutionary process to abide rather than collapse into national dysfunctions without regard of common planetary good. We are past the crisis point. Planet earth wears out 1.5 times faster than it regenerates.

We elected in the Obama team personnel whose lucidity of the times we live in is seemingly clear. They embody more than a JFK vision of the torch being passed to a new generation. Though celebrating this year and in this second inauguration the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Declaration of Abe Lincoln, Obama gingerly strides into the mantle of MLK who saw that without economic justice and international peace, the gains of Civil Rights is hollow.

That lesson was burned deep into Obama's soul working as a community organizer on Chicago's southside. Liberal Lyndon Johnson's Great Society and War on Poverty got mired in a dirty and expensive Southeast Asian war that he tried to fund simultaneously. He and the nation failed miserably, and the man with legendary big boots and wide-brim white hat declined a second term in office. Obama avoided a similar mistake. Whirlbirds exited Iraq and are on the wane in Afghanistan.

Were we to gauge Obama's upbringing on standard measures, the alarm bells would ring. His inaugural speech was just too liberal for Kentucky's Senator Mitch McConnell, too progressive for Wisconsin's Congressman Paul Ryan, and too Big Brother for Virginia's Representative Eric Cantor. Born to a short-lived ill-fated romantic dalliance of an adventurous young Kansas-bred English lassie to a Kenyan intellectual who met in a Russian studies course at the East-West Center of UH-Manoa (the U.S.'s academic response to Moscow's Patrice Lumumba Center and Cuba's Universidad de Juventud), Barack followed Mom to a second family in Muslim Indonesia, returned to Hawaii's rainbow Aloha for High School for the privileged at Ponahou, survived the psychedelic culture of his generation, avoided becoming an acid head, and hauled his brains out to the likes of Columbia, Harvard, and the U of Chicago.

With a literary bent and facility to phrase appropriate metaphor,

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the young Midwest captivated the Democratic Party convention audience that choose John Kerry to a presidential campaign. Sensing a window of opportunity, he provided in time a choice between a first African-American President, and a first female Supreme Commander (against the strong-willed Hillary Clinton) in the 2007 party primaries. The rest is history.

That Obama facilitates consensus got mixed reviews the past four years. Though quietly a stealth strategist like a Kenyan leopard, he is often perceived as ineffective. That he is genuinely affable is almost to a fault. Barring an assassin's bullet, having gotten himself into too many crosshair lines of vision after his executive actions on gun control, the man presides over the redefinition of a Federal government to bring economic equity to its national boundaries and to rebalance relations among former belligerents in international affairs.

Though he may not proceed with the deliberate speed that some hope from the West Wing, the next four years will have to rally a direct steady support from constituency, as well as earn a fairer hearing from those on the other side of the Congressional aisle.

The task is formidable. A nation lives before a wildly gyrating time, and a President sets a progressive leadership course to enable a citizenry to come to its own. Mr. and Ms. Citizen, your move.

## NGW lease terminated, non-existent

The mayor of Tinian recently spouted that Neo Goldwing is ready to resume business development in the municipality. Let's get certain issues straight:

This plan is futile and in fantasyland in that the company's land lease agreement was terminated two years ago. As former secretary of DPL, I know that a termination of the lease on any lessee means the firm can't use public land for its purpose. In this case, Neo Goldwing, with its lease terminated must be dreaming of "White Christmas" when everything in its backyard is yellowish-green.

Pertinent constitutional provision on the role and function of DPL in the "management, use and disposition" of public land is solely the purview of the secretary. None of such function is ever delegated to any branch, public official or agency of the NMI other than the secretary of DPL. To meddle with it is prohibited from A-Z. Can't revive Lazarus from his grave in this case.

From the outset, the company can't finance its ambitious project and so it died a silent death in oblivion. It suffered its last breath when its lease agreement was terminated by DPL two years ago. These, Mr. Mayor, are facts you would have learned had you employed rudimentary research otherwise known as "due diligence". Why brave spewing lies to your detriment?

### Sablan's vision for the future

Commissioner of Education Dr. Rita Sablan closed out the rather dismal Year of 2012 with a challenging vision: seek a "unified" and "seamless" educational system for the NMI. If she pursues it, then it becomes a key management tool to revamping the system so the left hand knows what the right hand is doing. It is an inclusive effort that should embrace all other key sectors.

Sablan used Singapore's educational model in her vision to unify the system here. It is a very successful program from pre-school to second year college level work for students. It's a system that should be explored to the hilt in that it addresses and resolves the education of its young people, including skills acquisition in vocational or technical programs.

Singapore also has other very successful programs including pension and formula to ensure sustainability. It is now the hub of investment in Southeast Asia that, again, offers learning opportunities for

the NMI beyond education. But this vision would involve a process, a process that must include key sectors of the community to gauge its pulse on what the system could do to upgrade both the education and skills level of our people via a unified and seamless system.

There's the issue of high school graduates failing to pass the entrance exam at NMC. This issue requires critical review to pinpoint whether the system is engaged in social promotion, anomalies in its instructions on, i.e., English and Math. That a student could speak English isn't a guarantee that he/she knows and is capable when it comes to written English.

Is the student equipped with the understanding of mechanics—working correctly in the diagram of a sentence—where parts of speech are placed? There's also the comprehension of content of a sentence. When both are lacking, obviously the student isn't going anywhere except set him up for continued bout with failure. Unless the student understands mechanics and content, it would be difficult for him to express and articulate his written assignment in English. It's an injustice in itself granting social promotion destined for failure in perpetuity.

But the issue to exploring the establishment of a seamless system should morph into the eventual founding of relevant institutes or foundations poised to guide the work of the NMI especially on policies designed to encourage socio-economic growth. But the realignment of the entire system must first come into play, followed by the establishment of NMC into a four-year institution.

It's a good recommendation that should serve as the traditional torch to eventually guiding a unified educational master plan in the development of the NMI. It is imperative that it is established and nurtured so there's an intelligent focus in capturing the future of these isles through a set of a seamless plan embracing all key sectors.

Planning eliminates a greater part of uncertainty, permits forecasting, controls use of scarce resources as it pertains to the economy, and grants key planners a sense of direction and purpose. A closer scrutiny to the disoriented economic disaster reveals it is predicated in the lack of a socio-economic plan.

A plan is vital in light of the global economic shifts changing by the seconds. And unless you know your status and wary of these changes (equipped with an educated cadre of workers), you'd be

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lost when a tsunami-like change occurs that leaves you languishing in ignorance. A fragile island economy makes honing our ability on crisis planning for the unthinkable and inevitable, mandatory.

### Fund marches to bankruptcy

The Fund going bankrupt is like the weather—everybody talks about it—but no one has any sensible answers to revamp it so it becomes self-sustaining over the long haul.

Politicians talk about it braving the aura of ignorance as if they didn't partake in the successful collusion to ensure the Fund sinks into insolvency.

For instance, they've approved the withdrawal of contribution from active members that only exacerbates the Fund going bankrupt by March of 2014. Reason? The "corresponding contribution" of active members is the money used to pay retirees. Withdrawing it would cease remittance that cuts off money for payment purposes. When remittance ceases, can the Fund pay out obligations when it is denied the requisite "corresponding contribution?"

Both sides of the street must allow experts to revamp the system so it is equipped with the means to be self-sustaining. If it means shifting more of the responsibility to current members and retirees, then it must do so. The use of pension obligation fund loan isn't a "corresponding contribution". Thus, its use would be futile.






Indeed, time is of the essence but there's no one else to blame for the mess at hand than leadership who failed to provide the seed funding for the program for over 34 years. The beast is back and is ready to devour the less than sturdy minds of weak-kneed leadership since 1980. Call it negligence not to mention the lack of significant funds for CHC and other agencies. Is paradise in fiscal shambles?



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 85° ▼ 72°	▲ 86° ▼ 74°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 74
Palau	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80

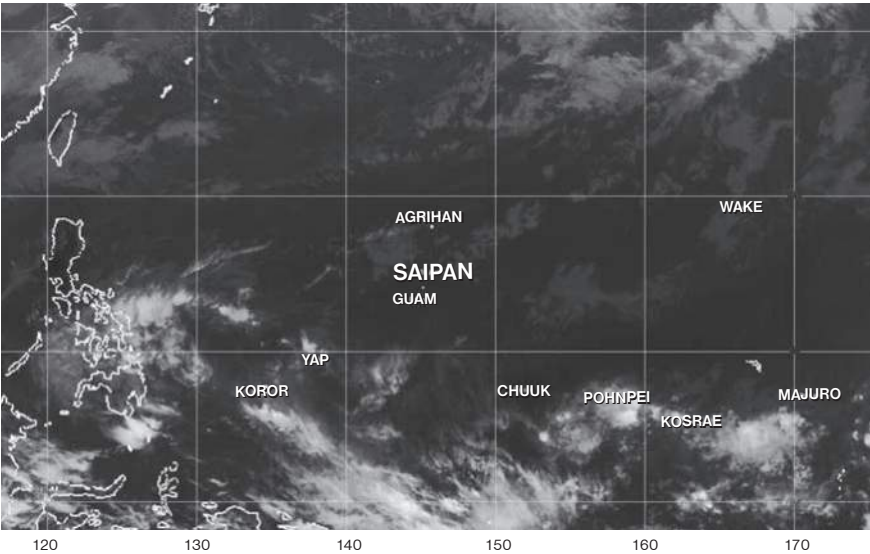
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Auckland	Sunny	▲ 74 ▼ 65
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 32 ▼ 12
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 62
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 68
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 39 ▼ 35
Los Angeles	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 57
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 60
New York	Snow	▲ 27 ▼ 20
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 43 ▼ 35
Paris	Snow	▲ 37 ▼ 26
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 40 ▼ 24
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 49 ▼ 33
Salem	Showers	▲ 45 ▼ 42
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 50
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 25 ▼ 13
Tokyo	Windy	▲ 46 ▼ 33
Washington, DC	Snow	▲ 30 ▼ 25

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:44 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
1:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
5:57 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from east of Minami Tori Shima at 25N162E to near Yap at 9N140E then turns northwestward to beyond 130E at 13N. Patchy clouds and light showers are found along and up to 150 miles northwest of this boundary between 162E and 147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen along and up to 200 miles northeast of this boundary between 140E and 130E. A near-equatorial trough runs east-southeastward from south of Mindanao through a weak circulation centered southwest of Koror at 5N131E to end south of Pohnpei at EQ155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the trough axis south and southeast of Koror within 75 miles of a line from 6N135E to EQ144E and also south of Chuuk or south of a line from 2N148E to 2N156E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated Thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Kosrae within 125 miles of a line from 5N154E to 7N160E to 3N171E and also east of Majuro between 3N and 9N from 173E to 180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:47 AM	6:12 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:12 PM
Sunday	6:47 AM	6:13 PM
Monday	6:47 AM	6:13 PM
Tuesday	6:47 AM	6:14 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:35 PM	4:56 AM
Saturday	5:26 PM	5:41 AM
Sunday	6:17 PM	6:25 AM
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Tuesday	8:00 PM	7:49 AM

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UA5062 4:40am 5:30am 1, 3, 5	UA5071 7:05am 7:55am Daily
UA5068 8:25am 9:15am Daily	UA5073 9:50am 10:40am 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074 11:10am 12:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075 1:45pm 2:35pm 1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076 3:10pm 4:00pm Daily	UA5077 5:35pm 6:25pm Daily
UA5078 6:55pm 7:45pm Daily	UA5079 8:20pm 9:10pm Daily
UA5072 9:45pm 10:35pm Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>
DL287 6:00am 8:40am Daily	DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily
DL285 6:35am 9:15am 1, 3, 5, 7	DL286 7:40pm 12:15am+1 2, 4, 6, 7
DL297 4:25pm 7:20pm Daily	DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)</b>	<b>OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN</b>
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<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>	<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>
OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 4, 6, 7	OZ607 9:00pm 1:50am+1 3, 5, 6
OZ608 3:30am 6:40am 3	OZ607 9:35pm 2:25am+1 2
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>	<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>
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XF1734 6:30am 12:30pm 5	XF1733 8:00pm 12:05am+1 4
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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
				FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# BOG offers \$10K in college scholarships

## »5 awardees to receive \$2,000 each plus paid summer internship

**HAGATNA, Guam**—Bank of Guam is pleased to announce that applications are now available for its IFIT Scholarship which makes \$2,000 available for five graduating seniors to attend a U.S. accredited four year college or university. The scholarship also includes a paid summer internship at the Bank's branches.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- Be U.S. citizens who re-

side in Guam, the CNMI, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia or San Francisco, California;

- Be high school seniors, Class of 2013, (copies of transcripts and SAT/ACT scores required) from an accredited high school with a 3.5 grade point average.

- Submit the original, numbered application by March 15, 2013 to Bank of Guam, ATTN:

Marketing Department;

- Submit three (3) letters of recommendation, one from a reference of choice; and

- Submit answers to four essay questions.

The scholarship will be available for use at any four-year U.S.-accredited college or university, and would be earmarked to those students pursuing degrees in business, finance, accounting, economics, or related majors (can be

multi-disciplinary). Ten semi-finalists will be selected by April and will then be required to submit additional documents, including an acceptance letter to a U.S. accredited four year college or university.

Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam board chair, president, and chief executive officer stated, "We are very proud to offer graduating high school seniors an opportunity to continue their education at an accredited college or university. Given Bank of Guam's longstanding service and commitment to higher education for its communities, it is a privilege to continue this commitment."

Last year's awardees were graduates of Guam's Notre Dame High School, Academy of Our Lady of Guam and Southern High. Additionally, graduates from Saipan's Kagman High School and Pohnpei's Seventh Day Academy won the scholarships and paid internships.

Applications are available at all Bank of Guam branches and the Customer Service Department in Hagatna Branch Lobby. They have also been distributed to Guam's high schools. Only originals will be accepted.

For additional information, please contact Jackie Marati at 472-5258 or jackie.marati@bankofguam.com. **(BOG)**

## ARC sets health, safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

- Jan. 30 at 6pm – Infant & Child CPR/AED

- Jan. 31 at 6pm – Adult CPR/AED Blended Learning

- Feb. 2 at 8am – Adult CPR/AED

- Feb. 5 at 5:30pm – First Aid Blended Learning

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Blended Learning courses involve online courses

## Public hearing on war reparations scheduled for Jan. 31

Guam Senate Federal Affairs chair Sen. Rory J. Respicio has scheduled a public hearing on Resolution No. 4-32 (COR) concerning Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo's new War Reparations bill, H.R. 44 "Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act" for Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, 5:30pm in the Guam Legislature's Public Hearing Room.

Congresswoman Bordallo has confirmed that she will be attending the public hearing. The hearing for this resolution was originally scheduled to be heard this past Tuesday, but at the request of Congresswoman Bordallo, was postponed because she was off-island.

Earlier this month, Bordallo had introduced a bill in Congress. **(PR)**

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# VS Sablan hosts Sunday Bazaar

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Shoppers looking for bargain deals on brand new and used items alike are in for a treat at VS Sablan Plaza in Chalan Piao, home to Saipan's first ever Sunday Bazaar.

Since December, plaza tenants have been putting their items on display at the building's entrance, enticing customers to check out their merchandise ranging from apparel and accessories to houseware and toiletries sold at affordable prices.

Ben Sablan, general manager for VS Sablan Plaza, said the idea for the bazaar was developed in time for the holiday

season—the busiest time for shoppers who are on a hunt for gift items that are easy on the budget.

“Given our bad economy, we want people to know that we do have a Sunday bazaar on island where they can buy merchandise at convenient prices. We also want our tenants to have an opportunity to better promote their products and the plaza as a whole,” he said in an interview.

According to Sablan, community members were surprised to know that there are tenants at VS Sablan Plaza which had undergone major renovation two years ago and has been accommodating small-scale busi-

nesses since then.

Nowadays, more and more people are getting familiarized with the Sunday bazaar and have been coming back for a dose of retail therapy, he added.

Sablan said they presently have five tenants in the building, most of whom have been doing business on island for years.

Morning Glory, renowned for its customized decals and stickers since 1997, moved to the plaza in April 2012 from its previous location in Chalan Lau-lau, said representative Connie De Guzman.

“We have many local customers who don't know that

we've been on this location for almost a year,” De Guzman said, adding that their company also accepts orders for party giveaways.

Another tenant, KRM General Merchandise, is also making a splash at their location for their most popular product, Quantum magnetic jewelry, worn by renowned actors and other famous personalities for its therapeutic benefits.

KRM staffer Haydee Basbas said they have everything from magnetic necklaces and bracelets to watches and rings that are stylish and, at the same time, help improve one's general health.

“Our customers of all nationalities come to buy Quantum



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Tenants of VS Sablan Plaza in Chalan Piao smile for a group photo at the building's entrance on Sunday. VS Sablan Plaza launched in December the first Sunday Bazaar on island, where brand new and used items are sold at affordable prices.

magnetic jewelry at our stall here at VS Sablan Plaza where we've been staying for a year now,” said Basbas.

KRM General Merchandise and Morning Glory share space in one stall at the plaza, enabling both companies to reduce their operational expenses—a growing trend among existing tenants that Sablan said they can accommodate to help businesses survive in these trying times.

“We are open to this option because of the state of our island economy. Prospective tenants tell us that they want to find a partner to share with the rental and utility expenses and that's fine. We are making

it available with mutual understanding from all parties concerned,” he added.

Sablan said that employees and customers from nearby establishments occasionally head over to the plaza looking for an ice cream parlor or a coffee shop, inspiring them to reserve the building's front stall or Unit#G2, which has a built-in restroom, for such types of business.

Visit VS Sablan Plaza for its Sunday Bazaar, which is open from 8am to noon. The building still has available space for rent. For inquiries, call 234-2585 or 235-9020 from Monday to Friday, Tony Muna at 888-9290 or Sablan at 898-2454.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MHS class of '83 general meeting on Feb. 5

The Marianas High School class of 1983 will hold its general meeting on Feb. 5, 2013, 7pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion on the Civic Center Beach in Susupe. (PR)

### Tinian Municipal Council organization meeting this Saturday

The 14th Tinian Municipal Council will be holding their organizational meeting tomorrow, Jan. 26, starting 9am at the Tinian Municipal Council conference room. (PR)

### Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Jan. 21-25 from 8:30am to 4pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. (PR)

### Search on for 'Couple Married Longest'

The CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community is joining other Marriage Encounter groups around the United States in searching for the “Couple Married Longest in the CNMI.” The Couple Married Longest search is being conducted in preparation for honoring World Marriage Day on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013. If you have been married for over 50 years, or if you know of friends or relatives who have been, and both spouses are still living, email their names, phone numbers and wedding date to cnmiwmd@yahoo.com. The deadline for all entries is Jan. 31, 2013. The winning couple will be honored with a WWME World Marriage Day Certificate at one of the selected World Marriage Day Masses. (PR)

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**CHILD CARE PROGRAM  
OPENS FOR NEW APPLICANTS**

To: All parents and/or Legal Guardians:

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Child Care Program will be doing pre-eligibility assessments for new applicants. The program will open to a maximum of 300 children or slots only (CNMI wide). **For this opening, parents who are full time students with zero income will be given priority. Parents attending school, training or working will be accommodated.** Once all slots have been taken, pre-eligibility assessments will cease and applications will no longer be provided.

**Pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the following locations, date, and time.**

Location	Date	Time
Mt. Carmel Cathedral Social Hall	Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013	1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
DCCA Rota Office	Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
DCCA Tinian Office	Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013	10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<b>For Full Time Students with Zero Income</b> CCDF Office Capitol Hill, Saipan	On-going; every Tuesdays and Thursdays only	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Parents and/or legal guardians who are interested in applying for the program must go through the pre-eligibility process and will need to bring the following:**

- A. For Full Time Students or in Training with Zero Income:**
  - School Documents such as acceptance letter and/or class schedule
  - Must be enrolled full time (12 credits)
  - If attending ABE must provide letter from ABE Office indicating that the student is considered full time
  - In Training: must have documents indicating a minimum of 60 training hours bi-weekly
- B. For Full Time students with income:**
  - All requirements under letter A plus
  - Three (3) latest check stubs showing: Applicant’s full name, hours worked (a minimum 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for both parents
  - Most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2011 for both parents
- C. For working parents:**
  - Three (3) latest check stubs showing: Applicant’s full name, hours worked (a minimum 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for both parents
  - Most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2011 for both parents

**Interested applicants must bring the above documents to be entertained for pre-eligibility.**

**The Child Care Program Office will accept completed applications beginning Tuesday, February 11, 2013 between 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. and the last day to submit applications will be on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.** Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**For questions regarding the Child Care Program please call at 664-2575/664-2546/664-2576.**

**Full Requirements:**

Applicant of Household

- Three (3) latest check stubs each parent or legal guardian (if legal guardian, must provide copy of Court Documents)
  - Applicant’s Full Name
  - Hours worked (minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly)
  - Hourly Rate
  - Gross Monthly Earnings
- A copy of Identification Card for each parent or guardian
  - Passport
  - CNMI Driver’s License
  - Mayor’s ID
  - CW 1, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), Notice of Completed Biometrics (if applicable)
- A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2011 (each parent or guardian)
- Residency: Provide one of the following:
  - House Rental/ Mortgage
  - Utility Receipt
  - Telephone Receipt
  - CW 1, EAD, Notice of Completed Biometrics (if applicable)
- Employment verification (CCDF prescribed form)
- Training/Education Verification
  - Letter of Acceptance from Institution
  - Full time student
    - Twelve (12) Credit Units
    - Letter from ABE indicating full time status
- Notarized Affidavit indicating (CCDF Form)
  - Parent is single
  - Child Support Statement
- Status: CW1, EAD, Notice of Completed Biometrics documentation (if applicable)

Child/Children Household member:

- A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA))
- A copy of US Passport
- A copy of Social Security Card

Family Size	Income Level
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7	\$2911.00
8	For families with more than 7 persons, add \$330.00 to each additional family member

Approved for distribution:        /s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao  
DCCA Secretary

Date: January 15, 2013

**Funding from the Office of Child Care, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families**



# 11 individuals complete childcare training

Eleven care providers from various day care centers and community members on Saipan recently completed a professional and personal development training program facilitated by the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute (CDI).

The Community Development Institute awarded the participants certificates of competence during a recent ceremony hosted at NMC As Terlaje campus. The participants were also rewarded Continuing Education Units, which are units of credit for hours of participation in a program designed for professionals.

The 11 participants from the seventh cohort successfully completed a total of 70 hours of training during the nearly



three-month long program. Topics that were covered included social-emotional growth and socialization,

group care, learning and development, cultural, familial, and provider issues, and health and safety considerations.

"We are glad to assist these individuals enhance their professional skills and knowledge as they provide quality care ser-

vices," said acting CDI director Floyd Masga. "We are also happy to have helped a total of 104 individuals through this program since 2009."

Dr. Sharon Hart, president of the Northern Marianas College said, "The college continues to boost the number of programs that provide personal enrichment and professional training to our workforce."

The program was offered through an agreement between the Department of

Community & Cultural Affairs' (DCCA) Child Care Program and NMC's Community Development Institute (CDI), which is a program that offers a variety of professional courses in a range of fields including child care.

For more information about the NMC Community Development Institute, contact CDI at 234-5498 ext. 1005/1010 or email CDI program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong. (PR)

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## Orientation set for UOG's China summer experience program

If you are interested in participating in the University of Guam and Sias International University's Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture Summer Experience program then attend the orientation session at 4pm on Jan. 30 at the Humanities and Social Sciences Bldg., Class Dean's Conference Room. Program details, costs, deadlines, and the process of earning Mandarin language credit will be discussed.

UOG students and high school students who have completed their junior year and members of the community at large are invited to attend. The University of Guam, in conjunction with China's Sias International University in Zhengzhou City, offers a four-week Chinese language and culture experience. University of Guam students can earn four credits for either CI Mandarin 101,

102, or 201 through participation in this summer experience and completion of coursework with a grade of C or higher. In addition to Mandarin, students will learn painting, calligraphy, martial arts, folk music, and history. The course will run from June 3 to 28, 2013. Sias International University costs for the summer experience are \$1,325 per student/participant and include:

Students will stay in the international dorms, which offer Western style accommodation. For more information on the Sias International University visit: <http://en.sias.edu.cn>.

The deadline to apply for the Summer Experience is April 15, 2013. For more information, contact Cathleen Moore-Linn, Director of Professional & International Programs, at 735-2600/1 or [cmoore@uguo.uog.edu](mailto:cmoore@uguo.uog.edu). (UOG)

## United appoints new PR agency for Guam and Micronesia

**GUAM**—United Airlines announced it has named Ruder Integrated Marketing Strategies (RiMS) as its regional public relations agency of record for Guam and Micronesia following an extensive agency search. RiMS, in partnership with United Airlines, will address local and regional civic and community PR programs and issues.

"Following a thorough selection process, we are happy to announce that United has chosen RiMS as its regional public relations agency. RiMS

is known for its creative ideas and exceptional level of work in the Guam community. I look forward to working with them to carry out United's strategic PR activities on Guam and Micronesia," said Koji Nagata, United's director of Asia-Pacific Communications.

The United Airlines account will be run out of the RiMS office on Guam and will be managed by Sally Malay, RiMS' manager of Account Services, PR & Events. Steve Ruder, president of RiMS will provide strategic oversight. (PR)



# Business

## Debt crisis averted—but spring fight still ahead

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Retreating with a purpose, Republicans sped legislation through the House on Wednesday to avert the imminent threat of a government default but pointing the way to a springtime budget struggle with President Barack Obama over Medicare, farm subsidies and other benefit programs.

The current legislation, which cleared the House on a bipartisan vote of 285-144, would permit Treasury borrowing to exceed the limit of \$16.4 trillion through May 18. As it passed, Speaker John Boehner pledged that Republicans would quickly draft a budget that would wipe out deficits in a decade, and he challenged Democrats to do the same.

The Democratic-controlled Senate is expected to approve the debt bill as early as Friday or perhaps next week. The White

House welcomed the legislation rather than face the threat of a first-ever default at the dawn of the president's second term in the White House, and spokesman Jay Carney pointedly noted a "fundamental change" in strategy by the GOP.

House Republicans cast the bill as a way to force the Senate to draft a budget for the first time in four years, noting that if either house fails to do so, its members' pay would be withheld. They called the bill "no budget, no pay," a slogan if not a statement of fact, since lawmakers would be entitled to collect their entire salaries at the end of the Congress with or without a budget in place.

With polls showing their public support eroding, the Republicans jettisoned, for now at least, an earlier insistence that they would allow no additional borrowing unless Obama and

the Democrats agreed to dollar-for-dollar federal spending cuts in exchange.

The average American family "can't buy everything they

## US officials defend handling of Boeing 787 mishaps

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Obama administration officials struggled Wednesday to defend their initial statements that the Boeing 787 Dreamliner is safe while promising a transparent probe of mishaps involving the aircraft's batteries.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood stood by his Jan. 11 assertion that the 787, Boe-

ing's newest and most technologically advanced airliner, was safe. At that time, LaHood and the head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Michael Huerta, declared the plane fit to fly despite a battery fire in one plane.

Five days later, following another battery mishap that led to an emergency landing of a 787

Republican rallying cry.

Rep. Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin lawmaker who will be responsible for drafting the budget for Republicans, said Con-

gress has "a moral obligation" to prevent a debt crisis that he said will hit hardest at seniors and others who depend on government the most.

been grounded worldwide. FAA's order applies only to United's the six 787s.

"On the day we announced the planes were safe they were," LaHood told reporters at an aviation industry luncheon. He became testy when a reporter pressed him on whether his initial pronouncements had been too hasty.



AP

This Jan. 22, 2013 file photo shows House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio talking to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington following a long closed-door meeting on a strategy to deal with a potential debt crisis.

## Japan reports record \$78.3B trade deficit in 2012

**TOKYO (AP)**—Japan's trade deficit rose to a record 6.93 trillion yen (\$78.3 billion) in 2012 as fuel imports surged and a bitter territorial dispute with China hammered its exports.

The finance ministry figures released Thursday showed that energy imports surged 34 percent last year to 24.08 trillion yen (\$272 billion) after Japan's nuclear plants were taken offline following the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear accident that was sparked by the earthquake and tsunami disasters in March 2011.

Exports have suffered from plunging demand in crisis-stricken Europe and troubles with China after a flare-up over uninhabited islands in the East China Sea prompted anti-Japanese protests last fall.

The annual trade deficit was a 170 percent increase from the deficit of 2.56 trillion yen recorded in 2011. As an export powerhouse, Japan ran trade surpluses until the 2011 disasters and the global economic

slowdown combined to push it into deficits.

But for December last year, the trade deficit narrowed to 641.5 billion yen (\$7.25 billion) from the 954.8 billion yen shortfall in November. That was despite a 5.8 percent drop in exports for the month.

Recovering overseas demand has coincided with a recent decline in the yen's value against the U.S. dollar and even bigger drops against other major currencies driven by expectations that stimulus spending and monetary easing championed by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who took office a month ago, will help drive a turnaround in Japan's moribund economy.

But the weak yen policy has rankled some of Japan's trading partners, raising worries that it might precipitate a destabilizing round of "competitive" devaluations. It also raises the relative costs of imports of consumer goods and commodities that resource-scarce Japan relies on to power its industries.

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# Nation

## Defiant Clinton takes on lawmakers on Libya attack

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered fiery rejoinders Wednesday to Republican critics of the Obama administration's handling of the deadly attack on a U.S. mission in Benghazi, facing off with lawmakers who included potential 2016 presidential rivals.

At times emotional and frequently combative, Clinton rejected GOP suggestions in two congressional hearings that the administration tried to mislead the country about the Sept. 11 attack that killed Chris Stevens, the U.S. ambassador to Libya, and three other Americans. She insisted the State Department is moving swiftly

and aggressively to strengthen security at diplomatic posts worldwide.

In her last formal testimony before Congress as America's top diplomat—but perhaps not her last time on the political stage—Clinton once again took responsibility for the department's missteps and failures leading up to the assault. But she also said that requests for more security at the diplomatic mission in Benghazi didn't reach her desk, and reminded lawmakers that they have a responsibility to fund security-related budget requests.

Three weeks after her release from a New York hospital—admitted for complications after a

concussion—Clinton was at times defiant, complimentary and willing to chastise lawmakers during more than 5 1/2 hours of testimony before two separate committees. She tangled with some who could be rivals in 2016 if she decides to seek the presidency again.

Her voice cracking at one point, Clinton said the attack and the aftermath were highly personal tragedies for the families of the victims who died—Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty—as well as herself.

"I stood next to President Obama as the Marines carried those flag-draped caskets off the plane at Andrews. I put my arms around the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, sons and daughters and the wives left alone to raise their children," she told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a packed hearing.



Clinton

Clearly annoyed with Republican complaints about the initial explanation for the attack, she rose to the defense of U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, who was vilified for widely debunked claims five

days after the attack that protests precipitated the raid rather than terrorism.

Clinton said, "People were trying in real time to get to the best information." And she said her own focus was on looking ahead on how to improve security rather than revisiting the talking points and Rice's comments.

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., pressed her on why "we were misled that there were supposedly protests and something sprang out of that, an assault sprang out of that."

"With all due respect, the fact is we had four dead Americans," she said, her voice rising and quivering with anger as she and

Johnson spoke over each other.

"Was it because of a protest? Or was it because of guys out for a walk one night decided they would go kill some Americans? What difference, at this point, does it make? It is our job to figure out what happened and do everything we can to prevent it from ever happening again, Senator."

If Johnson's comments drew an irritated response from Clinton, she notably ignored Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., when he said he would have fired her if he had been in charge and found that she had not read cables from her team in Libya asking for more security. Paul is a potential 2016 presidential candidate.

## Sources: Pentagon opens combat roles to women

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon is lifting its ban on women serving in combat, opening hundreds of thousands of front-line positions and potentially elite commando jobs after generations of limits on their service, defense officials said Wednesday.

The changes, set to be announced Thursday by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, will not happen overnight. The services must now develop plans for allowing women to seek the combat positions, a senior mili-

tary official said. Some jobs may open as soon as this year, while assessments for others, such as special operations forces, including Navy SEALs and the Army's Delta Force, may take longer. The services will have until January 2016 to make a case to that some positions should remain closed to women.

The groundbreaking move recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff overturns a 1994 rule prohibiting women from being assigned to smaller ground combat units.

Officials briefed The Associated Press on the changes on condition of anonymity so they could speak ahead of the official announcement.

There long has been opposition to putting women in combat, based on questions of whether they have the necessary strength and stamina for certain jobs, or whether their presence might hurt unit cohesion.

But as news of Panetta's expected order got out, members of Congress, including the Senate Armed Services Committee

chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., announced their support.

"It reflects the reality of 21st century military operations," Levin said.

Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, who will be the top Republican on the Armed Services panel, said, however, that he does not believe this will be a broad opening of combat roles for women because there are practical barriers that have to be overcome in order to protect the safety and privacy of all members of the military.

## Teen spent much of day family slain at church

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The New Mexico teen accused of killing his family and plotting to randomly gun down Wal-Mart shoppers spent much of the day after the early morning slayings at his church, wandering the campus as dozens of Sunday school teachers were be-

ing trained on how to deal with a shooter, a security official said.

But it wasn't until hours later, former police officer and Calvary Albuquerque security chief Vince Harrison said, that he knew something had gone terribly wrong.

Harrison, who led the safety training Saturday morning, said

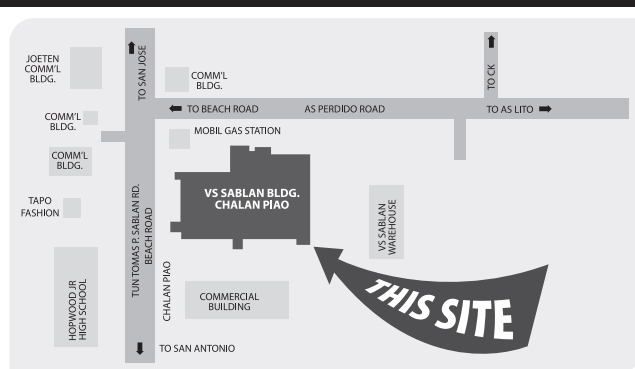
he was called back to the church Saturday evening after 15-year-old Nehemiah Griego told a pastor he found his family dead in their home.

"When I met Nehemiah, I knew something wasn't right," Harrison said Wednesday. "I could feel it, I could see it in his eyes

and I could see it in his behavior and his demeanor so the red flags went up and that's when I called the sheriff's department."

Harrison said he drove Griego back to the family's rural southwest Albuquerque home to meet authorities, interviewing him along the way.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

January 24, 2012

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. USA Panther Corporation	10/15/2012 SMS-2012-X-061	Rock Quarry	Kannat Tabla	Major Siting	Approved (01/23/2013)*
2. Saipan Sea Ventures Inc.	10/16/2012 SPLm-2012-X-063	Dry Dock	Delta Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (10/18/2012)*
3. Saipan Aqua World Inc.	10/23/2012 SPLm-2012-X-064	Dry Dock	South Seaplane	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (10/24/2012)*
4. DTC Saipan	10/23/2012 SSm-2012-X-065	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (11/01/2012)*
5. Saipan Laulau	10/12/2012 SMS-91-X-79(Amend No. 2)	Trimming/Removal of Hibiscus	Laulau Bat	Amendment	Approved (10/29/2012)*
6. Saipan Crew Boats	10/29/2012 SPLm-2012-X-066	Dry Dock	Charlie Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (11/08/2012)*
7. Auto Marine Inc	11/13/2012 SPLm-2012-X-067	Dry Dock	Able Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved(11/29/2012)*
8. Saipan Crew Boat	11/18/2012 SPLm-2012-X-068	Dry Dock	Able Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved(11/29/2012)*
9. Sahbahe Company	11/16/2012 SSm-2012-X-069	Stage	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (11/16/2012)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



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Asia

NKorea warns that nuke test may be imminent

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—North Korea’s top military body warned Thursday that the regime is poised to conduct a nuclear test in response to U.N. punishment, and made clear that its long-range rockets are designed to carry not only satellites but also warheads aimed at striking the United States.

The National Defense Commission rejected a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the launch as a banned missile activity and expanding sanctions against the regime. It reaffirmed in its declaration that a December rocket launch was a peaceful bid to send a satellite into space, but also said the country’s rocket launches have a military purpose: to strike and attack the United States.

The commission pledged to keep launching satellites and rockets and to conduct a “high-level” nuclear test as part of defensive measures against the U.S.

“We do not hide that a variety of satellites and long-range rockets which will be launched by the DPRK one after another and a nuclear test of higher level which will be carried out by it in the upcoming all-out action, a new phase of the anti-U.S. struggle that has lasted century after century, will target against the U.S., the sworn enemy of the Korean people,” the commission said, referring to North Korea by its official name, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

“Settling accounts with the U.S. needs to be done with force, not with words, as it regards jungle law as the rule of its survival,” the commission said.

North Korea carried out underground nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009, both times just weeks after receiving U.N. sanctions for launching long-range rockets it claimed were peaceful bids to send satellites into space.

At a military parade last April, North Korea showed off what appeared to be an inter-

continental ballistic missile.

Experts say the North Koreans must conduct further tests of its atomic devices and make them smaller before they can be mounted as nuclear warheads onto long-range missiles.

Though it insists its efforts to launch a satellite are peaceful, North Korea also claims the right to build nuclear weapons as a defense against the United States, which stations more than 28,000 troops in South Korea. The adversaries fought in the three-year Korean War, which ended in a truce in 1953 and left the Korean Peninsula divided by the world’s most heavily fortified demilitarized zone.

North Korea has enough weaponized plutonium for about four to eight bombs, according to nuclear scientist Siegfried Hecker, who visited North Korea’s nuclear complex in 2010.

Indian panel pushes new laws after fatal gang rape

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—A government panel recommended India strictly enforce sexual assault laws, commit to holding speedy rape trials and change the antiquated penal code to protect women after a fatal gang rape in New Delhi last month galvanized the public.

The panel received more than 80,000 suggestions for a complete overhaul in the criminal justice system’s treatment of violence against women since the government set it up a month ago to help quell street protests sparked by the rape. The suggestions included banning a traumatic vaginal exam of rape victims to ending political interference in sex crime cases.

Women say they feel under siege and are so frightened they have structured their entire lives to protect themselves from harassment and attack.

Many travel in groups, go out of their homes only during the day and carry sharp objects to stab men who grope them on public buses.

Those who are raped are often blamed by their families for the attack. If they report the crime, the police often refuse to file a report or try to get the victim and attacker to reach a settlement. If it reaches court, the case can drag on for years in the overburdened justice system. “Failure of good governance is the obvious root cause for the current unsafe environment, eroding the rule of law and not the want of knee-jerk legislation,” said retired Chief Justice J.S. Verma, who headed the three-member panel.

The panel recommended to the government Wednesday that police and other officials who fail to act against crimes against women be punished. It called for a crackdown on dowry payments to enhance women’s status, since families are often forced into massive debt to get their daughters married. It also suggested the government appoint more judges to lessen the backlog of cases and ensure swift justice, and it called for updating the law to include crimes such as voyeurism and stalking.

“We hope the Parliament will take the legislative suggestions given by the committee,” and translate these into law, Verma said

Verma advocated strict punishment to prevent sexual harassment and assaults against women and sought reforms in how police treat rape victims. He called for speedy justice and the setting of a time frame to deal with cases of crimes against women.



ASIAN BRIEFS

**US Navy ship taking on water on Philippine reef**

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A U.S. Navy official says a minesweeper that ran aground on a reef in the Philippines has been punched full of holes and is taking in a significant amount of water. Rear Adm. Thomas Carney said Thursday that 56,000 liters (15,000 gallons) of fuel must be removed from the USS Guardian before a crane ship can lift it from the Tubataha Reef. Carney, the commander for the Navy’s Logistics Group in the Western Pacific, expressed his “deepest regret” over the Jan. 17 accident and says the Navy is committed to removing the ship from the reef.

**Teacher shot dead at school in Thailand’s south**

**PATTANI, Thailand (AP)**—Six Thai schools were shut down temporarily after a teacher was shot dead while having lunch at his school’s cafeteria, marking the first death of an educator this year in Thailand’s violence-wracked south mired in an Islamist insurgency. Police Col. Pakdee Preechachon said Wednesday that 51-year-old Chonlathee Charoenchon, a Thai Muslim, was killed by gunmen at Ban Tanyong School in Bacho district in Narathiwat province. He said four gunmen entered the elementary school’s compound on two motorcycles, and one of them took the teacher’s car after having shot him.



UNITED STATES  
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COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby gives notice that it will hold a 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Annex III, Pacific Islands Club - Saipan.

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
**II. ROLL CALL**  
**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – September 14, 2012**  
**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Election of Officers**

**i. Fiscal Officer**  
**ii. Secretary**  
**iii. Vice Chairman**  
**iv. Chairman**

**b. Approval of Amended FY 2013 Commonwealth Respite Care Services/Program Budget**  
**c. Approval Proposed FY 2014 Commonwealth Respite Care Services/Program Budget**  
**d. Approval of Renewal of CDD and CAMI MOA – Trankilu Alternative Financing Loan Program**

**VI. REPORT**

**a. Chairman**  
**b. Executive Director**  
**c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson**  
**d. State Plan Committee Chairperson**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. 2013 Summer Camp (A DD/Tri-agency Effort)**  
**b. Status of Call-A-Ride Transportation Program**  
**c. Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority Update**  
**d. New Council Membership Orientation**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Respite Care Services/Program Plan**  
**b. Voices of the CNMI (Self-Advocacy Organization)**  
**c. Self-Advocacy Training**  
**d. ASCNMI Quiz Night**  
**e. DD Awareness Month/Autism Awareness Month Activities**


**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**X. MISCELLANEOUS**  
**XI. NEXT MEETING**  
**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.*

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 3 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Thomas J. Camacho  
Chairman

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**ITB13-GOV-057**  
**Repair of the Rota Health Center Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, are soliciting sealed bids for Repair of the Rota Health Center Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on January 10, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office on Capitol Hill.

All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid package in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A site visit and pre-bid meeting will be held on Rota at the Rota Health Center on January 16, 2013. Participants are to meet promptly at the Rota Health Center, Director's Office at 10:00AM. Questions regarding this project may be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, CIP Project Manager, CIP Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan or via email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or facsimile to (670) 664-2408 no later than January 24, 2013.

Sealed bids must be marked ITB13-GOV-057 Repair of the Rota Health Center Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00AM local time, Friday, February 8, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00AM local time February 8, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@ptcom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than February 8, 2013 and must be received no later than February 15, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00PM local time, February 19, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at 1:00PM local time on February 8, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and  
b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement and Supply Director to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash  
2) US Government Securities  
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange  
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and  
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 150 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, CNMI Lt. Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF



World

Algeria militants played shrewd media game

**RABAT, Morocco (AP)**—As wildly contradictory accounts trickled out about a terror attack at an Algerian gas plant, one source of information proved to be the most reliable: announcements by the al-Qaida-linked militants themselves.

The hostage-takers phoned in regularly with up-to-the-minute reports, offered eerily accurate numbers of hostages taken and killed, and clearly laid out their goals.

All this came via a Mauritanian news website that—apart from receiving calls from radical Islamists and al-Qaida-linked militants—is known for its reliability on more mundane local news.

Algeria’s official information, in contrast, was silent and

murky. At one point the state news service even went dark online before returning with a home page scrubbed of all mention of the hostage crisis that had riveted the world.

When Algerian officials were willing to comment—only anonymously—their information drastically underplayed the scope of the hostage siege that left at least 37 captives and 29 militants dead and sent scores of foreign energy workers fleeing across the desert for their lives. The reliability of the information from the kidnappers was a departure from the more bombastic and exaggerated announcements typical of al-Qaida-affiliated insurgents in Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts.

Also, instead of publishing statements on a password-protected jihadi website entirely in Arabic, the Masked Brigade that claimed responsibility for the gas plant attack sent its information to a news website published in both French and Arabic, reaching a much wider audience.

“It was in the interests of the gunmen to get their story out and the Algerians didn’t perceive it was in their interest to get the story out in real time,” said William Lawrence, the North Africa analyst for the International Crisis Group. “The gunmen needed to negotiate through the media, politicize the Mali conflict through the media, and score jihadist points in the media.”

The editor of the Mauritanian

site, the Nouakchott Information Agency, also known as ANI, attributed the difference in style to the Masked Brigade’s founder, Moktar Belmoktar.

“Moktar is a man who speaks frankly of what he wants, he’s straight forward,” said El Mokhtar Ould Sidi, who added that his site left out the parts of the kidnappers’ statements that he deemed to be propaganda. “It’s very different from al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb or al-Qaida central.”

Figuring out what was happening during North Africa’s most audacious terror attack was no easy matter with the Ain Amenas natural gas complex deep in the Sahara desert, more than 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) from the capital, Algiers.

Hostage crisis

At least 67 people are thought to have died as a result of hostage taking at an Algerian oil plant – an Algerian security guard, 37 foreigners who were hostages and 29 militants.

Tracking the crisis

All times are local  
**Wednesday, Jan. 16**  
• Militants attack two buses transporting In Amenas gas plant workers, killing two  
• They drive to the plant’s main facility and living area, where they take hostages

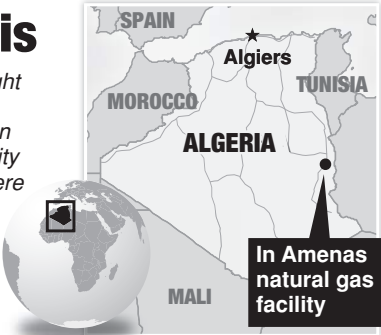
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
• Algerian forces attack as militants try to move hostages; some hostages are killed

**Friday, Jan. 18**  
• Stalemate as Algerian forces surround plant

**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
• Algerian forces attack again after reports that militants were killing hostages

**Sunday, Jan. 20**  
• Algeria says the bodies of hostages were found at the plant; a number of hostages remain unaccounted for

Source: BBC, Reuters      Graphic: Pat Carr, Melina Yingling      © 2013 MCT



Hostages: Country by country

Identified so far	
Dead	
Feared dead, missing	
Japan	11
Philippines	11
U.K.	5
U.S.	3
Romania	2
France	1
Norway	4
Malaysia	2
Colombia	1
Lives in U.K.	

WORLD BRIEFS

Al-Qaida leader’s brother condemns Mali operation

**CAIRO (AP)**—The brother of al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri on Wednesday sanctioned violence against the West in retaliation for the French-led campaign against militants in Mali, saying the U.S. and Europe are “making jihadists.” Mohammed al-Zawahri, one of Egypt’s most influential jihadi leaders, made his comments in an interview with The Associated Press in Cairo, in the wake of the bloody four-day hostage crisis in Algeria, in which al-Qaida-linked militants seized a gas plant in retaliation for the campaign in Mali. “All Muslims have the right to stop this aggression by any means,” he said of the French-led military intervention. “This barbarism, aggression and brutality ... according to Shariah, we have to confront it.”

Venezuela VP: plot against Chavez allies revealed

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—Venezuela’s vice president said Wednesday that the government has uncovered a plot to attack him or another senior leader of President Hugo Chavez’s party. The purported plot involved “groups that have infiltrated the country,” Vice President Nicolas Maduro said in a speech to government supporters. He added that the authorities believe the unidentified groups intended to attack him or National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello, and then “try to blame one or the other.” After announcing the alleged plot, Maduro traveled to Cuba to see the ailing Chavez, who underwent cancer surgery more than six weeks ago. Cuban state television showed Maduro arriving in Havana on Wednesday night and being greeted by Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez.

Rise of Israeli centrist raises hopes for peace

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—The unexpectedly strong showing by a new centrist party in Israel’s parliamentary election has raised hopes of a revival of peace talks with Palestinians that have languished for four years under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Political newcomer Yair Lapid, the surprise kingmaker, is already being courted by a weakened Netanyahu, who needs his support to form a ruling coalition.

Lapid has said he will not sit in the government unless the peace process is restarted. But following a campaign in which the Palestinian issue was largely ignored, it remains unclear how hard Lapid will push the issue in what could be weeks of coalition talks with Netanyahu.

Tuesday’s election ended in a deadlock, with Netanyahu’s hard-line religious bloc of allies and the rival bloc of centrist,

secular and Arab parties each with 60 seats, according to near-complete official results. Opinion polls had universally forecast a majority of seats going to the right-wing bloc.

While Netanyahu, as head of the largest single party in parliament, is poised to remain prime minister, it appears impossible for him to cobble together a majority coalition without reaching across the aisle.



[1] EXECUTIVE CHEF (CHINESE CUISINE)

Our Resort is looking for a professional candidate with a solid Executive Chef and Chinese Cuisine experience who will help develop and implement the strategic direction of the Resort’s Chinese food offering through product and menu development and by supporting the kitchen teams and monitoring and reviewing product consistency and quality at all times.

- As the Chinese Cuisine Executive Chef, the responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Collaborating with higher management and other Chefs to develop and plan menu requirements, serving arrangements and other related details
  - Enforcing and following compliance procedures for sanitation & cleanliness and monitoring workstations & staff for adherence to those procedures.
  - Providing training to strengthen his/her team’s current performance and monitoring cooks and chefs for proper skills and service
  - Maintaining food cost at reasonable levels without affecting quality and standards

- Qualifications:
- Minimum Education: Vocational School or Associate’s Degree graduate or equivalent years of relevant experience
  - Minimum Experience: Five years of experience cooking and preparing Chinese food in a high-volume food service facility or in a high volume hospitality environment and at least three years in an Executive Chef or similar role.
  - Excellent cooking skills and extensive knowledge of Chinese Cuisine and food handling procedures with regard to public health standards
  - Demonstrated aptitude for the financial aspects of food operation, including the successful identification of expense reduction through cost control
  - Ability to speak English clearly, distinctly and cordially with guests
  - Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
  - Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must
  - Team player

Interested applicants may send their applications to [hr@kanoaresort.com](mailto:hr@kanoaresort.com). Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our Resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than January 30, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Interested applicants may send their applications to [hr\\_@fiestasaipan.com](mailto:hr_@fiestasaipan.com); Applications forms may be obtained at our Security Office at the South Wing. To be considered applications must be submitted not later than January 28, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
**Office of the Executive Director**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CUC-IFB-13-014**

**GROUND MAINTENANCE SERVICES**  
**FOR CUC WATER & WASTEWATER FACILITIES, SAIPAN**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities in Saipan, in compliance with USEPA inspection and sanitary survey requirements.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$80.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-13-014, Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities, Saipan” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 21, 2013, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for January 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Saipan, to ensure prospective bidders are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions.

CUC will award a contract to more than one firm for said services, based on bids for “Service Section” pursuant to Scope-of-Work.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidder due to lack of information or understanding of the site conditions in the course of bidder’s preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 8, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Paul Raczkowski, Water/Wastewater Manager via address [paul.raczkowski@cucgov.org](mailto:paul.raczkowski@cucgov.org)

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director



# Science & Technology

## Apple’s profit rocket hits air pocket

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Apple’s blockbuster revenue growth is slowing drastically, as iPhone sales plateau and the company finds itself lacking revolutionary new products.

The company’s warning, issued Wednesday as part of its financial results for the holiday quarter, sent Apple Inc.’s stock plunging by more than 10 percent, wiping out a year’s worth of gains.

Analysts said the warning suggested Apple can no longer sustain its growth without some completely new products. Its last revolutionary creation, the iPad, was launched

in 2010. Co-founder Steve Jobs, who was the engine behind the creation of the iPod, iPhone and iPad, died in 2011.

“It has been an overriding concern with Apple that they would not be able to generate revenue growth just rolling out new versions of old products,” said Jeff Sica, president and chief investment officer of SICA Wealth Management.

“Now they’ve proven it in their numbers.”

On a conference call with analysts, Apple CEO Tim Cook rebutted that idea, but as usual, gave no details.

“We’re working on some in-

credible stuff. The pipeline is chock full,” he said.

Before he died in 2011, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs told biographer Walter Isaacson that he had figured out how to create a groundbreaking, easy-to-use TV set. Since then, company watchers have been waiting for the company to bring out something in that vein to re-energize sales. Cook said the company was still working on it.

“I tend to believe that there’s a lot we can contribute in the space, and so we continue to pull the string and see where it leads us,” he said.

# Off the Wall

## Artist’s obsession with Twinkies spans 4 decades

**RENO, Nev. (AP)**—Long before Hostess Brands’ plan to shut down made Twinkies the rage, Nancy Peppin found something special about the cream-filled snack cakes.

No, she doesn’t have a sweet tooth for them. But she has featured Twinkies in hundreds of pieces of quirky, satirical artwork because of an obsession with what she calls the “ultimate American food icon.”

The prolific Reno artist says she was first influenced to focus on Twinkies in 1975 by Andy Warhol, who demonstrated that even a Campbell’s soup can could be an object of art.

“He showed you a new way



This undated image shows “Never Forget,” one of the most recent of dozens of pieces of art Nancy Peppin has created over the years using Twinkies and other Hostess products.

of looking at a familiar object,” said Peppin, who has sold and exhibited her artwork. “That’s what I’m doing with Twinkies. I’m having people look at Twinkies in a brand new way and in an entertaining way.”

Shortly after Hostess Brands Inc. announced plans to go out of business last year, Peppin was among those who joined the rush to stores to fill shopping carts with boxes of the spongy cakes.

But unlike others, she didn’t buy 12 boxes with 10 Twinkies each to turn a profit on eBay or Craigslist.

“I needed art supplies,” said Peppin, who uses Twinkies and their packaging to create some of her pieces. She also features renderings of the snack cakes in watercolor paintings, mixed media, prints and artwork.

Her works include her “Twinkies in history series,” which portrays how scientists such as John James Audubon, Charles Darwin and Leonardo da Vinci would have sketched and written about Twinkies in journals or books.

Peppin, an Oakland, Calif., native who earned a bachelor’s degree in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1966, conducted extensive research to make the series seem as authentic as possible.

Her Audubon series on the “North American Twinkie (twinkopus hostus)” includes illustrations of three “important subspecies—Cream-bellied Twinkie, Strawberry-throated Twinkie, Golden-backed Twinkie”—as well as writings describing the “birds” and explaining their migration patterns.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

**Polite British vandal guilty of damaging cars**

**LONDON (AP)**—A British professor who specializes in cities and urban life has been convicted of damaging luxury cars with graffiti that was surprisingly polite. Stephen Graham was found guilty Friday of using a screwdriver to scrawl inoffensive words such as “very silly,” “really wrong” and “arbitrary” into the paintwork of vehicles including a Mercedes, an Audi, and a Volvo. Prosecutors said the spree caused 18,000 pounds (\$29,000) in damage. Graham, who teaches at Newcastle University in northeast England, pleaded guilty to criminal damage at Newcastle Crown Court.

**Mass. thieves thwarted by restaurant cash register**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)**—Police say three masked men who tried to rob a Chinese restaurant in Massachusetts ran away empty handed because they couldn’t figure out how to open the cash register. The men, one of whom had a gun, entered the Peking House restaurant in Springfield at about 8 p.m. Monday. A female employee saw the gun, ran out the back and called police. Police say the thieves couldn’t figure out how to open the cash drawer, so they took off.

**Soda spills, freezes on Pa. road when rigs crash**

**READING, Pa. (AP)**—Everyone knows soda can be bad for your teeth. Sometimes, it can apparently threaten the morning commute, too. Police say two tractor-trailers collided on U.S. Route 422 outside Reading, Pa., around 12:40 a.m. Tuesday. The Reading Eagle reports (<http://bit.ly/10mYCVv>) one of the trucks was carrying 2-liter bottles of soda. Hundreds of gallons of sugary drink spilled onto the highway and froze in the frigid early morning temperatures. Those slick conditions from the crash ended up shutting down the roadway in Exeter Township for more than five hours.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-01428
vs.	AMENDED NOTICE OF AUCTION
EUGENE R. CLOTHIER and MONA M.T. CLOTHIER Defendants.	FORT TRACT 22089-2

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Eugene R. and Mona M.T. Clothier in the following described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction.

**Tract 22089-2** (Part of Tract 22089, AH 238-77), containing an area of 29,092 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3005/89, the original of which was recorded 17 Jan 89 as Document No. 89-0164 at Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therein.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, February 22, 2013**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.
- Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
  - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
  - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
  - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Eugene R. and Mona M.T. Clothier in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 17th day of January 2013.

/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO,  
Commissioner Department of Public Safety

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-0480
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION
LIANA S. HOFSCHEIDER, individually, and dba ISA SERVICE STATION, and RICHARD U. HOFSCHEIDER, Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Liana S. Hofschneider, individually, and dba Isa Service Station and Richard U. Hofschneider in the following described, real property situated in the CNMI will be sold at an auction.

**Lot No. 057 T 99**, Tinian, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 057 T 02, the original of which was recorded 05 February 1991 as Document No. 91-820 at Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therein.

Real property located in As Lito, Saipan, legally identified as **Tract No. 22507-5**, containing an area of 1,100 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on DLS Check No. 2148/88, approved by the Chief, Lands and Survey's Divisions, dated July 15, 1988, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therein.

**Lot No. 003 T 55** (part of Lot 033 T 39), formerly known as Block 14, Lot 2, sited in the island of Tinian, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 003 T 01, the original of which was recorded December 13, 1976 as Document No. 5727 at Land Registry, Saipan, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therein.

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Dated this 17th day of January 2013.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0022
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION
JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA, JUANITA M. MENDIOLA, and CARLEEN H. PALACIOS, Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Joseph M. Mendiola, Juanita M. Mendiola, and Carleen H. Palacios in the following described real property situated in the island of Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction.

**Lot No. 006 T 172** as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 006 T 06 dated September 28, 1983, on file in said Office, said land containing an area of 1,048 square meters, more or less, and is situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Mariana Islands, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therein;

and

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- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
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Dated this 17th day of January 2013.

/s/ AMBROSIO T. OGUMORO,  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-0677
vs.	NOTICE OF AUCTION
GUERRERO BROTHERS, INC., PEDRO R. GUERRERO, HERMAN R. GUERRERO, PILAR M. GUERRERO, and LUCY P. GUERRERO, Defendants.	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Guerrero Brothers, Inc., Pedro R. Guerrero, Herman R. Guerrero, Pilar M. Guerrero, and Lucy P. Guerrero in the following described real property situated in the Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction.

All of that tract or parcel of land in the Garapan District of Saipan, MP, known as the **Northern Portion of Lot No. 1811** as shown on Lands and Claims Map No. 5 on file with the Clerk of Court, Saipan, MP, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therein.

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# Life & Style

## Corman has Sundance debut with 'Virtually Heroes'

**PARK CITY, Utah (AP)**—Roger Corman has been to the Cannes and Venice film festivals. But for some reason, the independent filmmaker who has nearly 400 movies to his credit has missed the Sundance Film Festival—until now.

The video-game tale "Virtually Heroes" is the first Corman production to premiere at the indie-cinema showcase, appropriately playing Sundance's mid-night-movie program of way-out horror, comedy and action.

True to Corman's low-budget approach, "Virtually Heroes" was made for less than \$500,000 by blending combat footage from the producer's previous Vietnam war movies with a new story about two self-aware video-game characters (Robert Baker and Brent Chase) battling the Vietcong.

"I thought if I could find a way to use the big battle scenes from all of these pictures and put it together in a new picture and shoot just a short period of time to tie them all together, I could get a big-looking picture for very little money," Corman, 86, said in an interview alongside "Virtually Heroes" direc-



From left, director G.J. Echternkamp and producer Roger Corman from the film "Virtually Heroes" pose for a portrait during the 2013 Sundance Film Festival on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 in Park City, Utah.

tor G.J. Echternkamp.

Corman's films usually are considered schlock that falls somewhere well below B-movie grade. In fact, he's been called the "Orson Welles of the Z-movie."

But Corman felt director Echternkamp had come up with a clever twist that made "Virtually Heroes" right for Sundance. So he contacted festival officials, who agreed.

The movie's heroes come

to question the reason for their existence in a world where they keep fighting the same battles and die over and over. It also features "Star Wars" hero Mark Hamill as an Obi-Wan Kenobi-style mentor dispensing wisdom to one of the soldiers.

While "Virtually Heroes" is his first Sundance premiere, Corman was the subject of the 2011 festival documentary "Corman's World: Exploits of a Hollywood Rebel," examining

the nearly 60-year career of the maverick who helped launch the directing careers of Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese, Jonathan Demme, Ron Howard and James Cameron.

Corman's films include such cult hits as "The Little Shop of Horrors," "Grand Theft Auto," "Piranha" and "Death Race 2000." In 2009, he received an honorary Academy Award for lifetime achievement in independent film.

## Review: 'Parker' is rather perfunctory

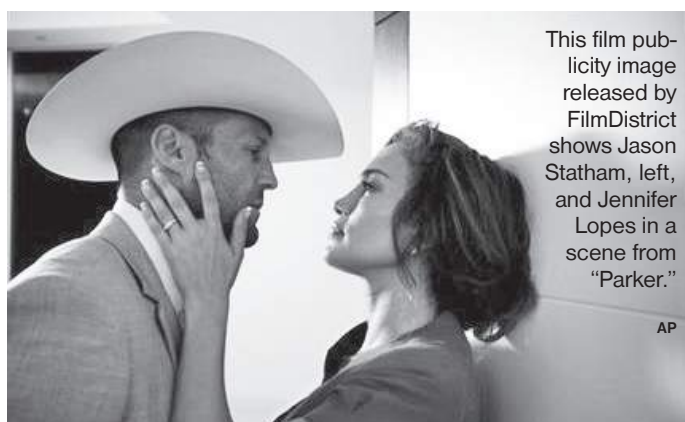
By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP MOVIE CRITIC



"Parker" plays like the bloodiest promotional video ever made for Palm Beach tourism. Stabbings, explosions and furniture-smashing brawls occur at some of the ritziest (and name-checked) locations within the sun-splashed, pastel-soaked slab of Florida opulence. Kinda gives a whole new meaning to the idea of The Breakers.

The city is the setting for an elaborate, \$50 million jewel heist as well as some revenge doled out with the usual machine-like efficiency by Jason Statham. As the title character, the anti-hero of many of the novels by Richard Stark (the pseudonym of the late Donald E. Westlake), Statham is stepping into a well-known persona. But he's not exactly pushing himself outside his comfort zone; he's on auto-pilot here, despite the obvious physical demands of the part. Parker is the kind of thief who lives by a civilized, self-imposed code—one he expects others to adhere to, as well. But this is the same character Statham always plays: quietly cool, dryly British, powerfully lethal.

Director Taylor Hackford's rather perfunctory action film is actually more compelling before it even gets to Palm Beach, as Parker makes his way from Ohio to Texas to New Orleans before reaching his final destination.



This film publicity image released by FilmDistrict shows Jason Statham, left, and Jennifer Lopez in a scene from "Parker."

This is where the character's resourcefulness comes in handy, as he goes from one stolen car and one cheap motel room to the next, navigating sundry lowlives in between. Parker has been double-crossed by his partners (including Michael Chiklis and Wendell Pierce) on a daring robbery of the Ohio State Fair. Although these guys have serious mob connections, he seeks his revenge by tailing them to their next job: hitting the auction of some major jewels that belonged to a late Palm Beach society maven.

Jennifer Lopez co-stars as local real estate agent Leslie Rodgers, who's been struggling financially and emotionally since her divorce. When Parker pretends to be a rich Texan looking for a vacation home (complete with a big ol' cowboy hat and an obviously fake drawl), Leslie shows him around and hopes for a hefty commission. But once she starts snooping into her intriguing new client's background, she learns too much and

wants a piece of the action.

Lopez gets a couple of amusing lines, and theoretically is here to provide some comic relief as the wide-eyed fish out of water. (An underused Patti LuPone classes things up a bit as her sassy Latina mama.) But playing weak and girlish isn't exactly Lopez' strong suit, and she never functions as a potential romantic interest for Parker because it's been well-established that he's in love with Claire (Emma Booth), the daughter of his grizzled mentor (Nick Nolte), who is well aware of the dangers of the life he's chosen and sticks by him nonetheless.

So basically, we're just here to ogle J.Lo's world-famous derriere as she turns around slowly in a polka-dotted bra and panty set. It is also a popular tourist destination.

"Parker," a FilmDistrict release, is rated R for strong violence, language throughout and brief sexual content/nudity. Running time: 118 minutes.

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## Christo takes small steps on Colo. project

**DENVER (AP)**—Construction of the proposed "Over the River" project in Colorado is on hold pending legal challenges, but artist Christo said Wednesday his team is doing other work so he can one day suspend nearly six miles worth of silvery fabric in sections over the Arkansas River.

Railroad tracks are being cleared along the project route that traces U.S. 50 between Canon City and Salida, and work is beginning to mitigate impacts to bighorn sheep.

Christo is also preparing for his upcoming exhibit in Oberhausen in Germany of "Big Air Package," a 295-foot air-filled fabric bubble that will help raise funds for Over the River, which has cost \$13 million so far.

As envisioned by Christo and his late wife, Jeanne-Claude, Over the River would be displayed for two weeks in late summer. The earliest it could be displayed is August 2016, but even that timeline may be unlikely.

The Bureau of Land Management's approval of a permit for it is being appealed, and a group called Rags Over the Arkansas River has filed lawsuits challenging permit approvals by the BLM and Colorado State Parks.

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Saturday	1:25	7:25	9:40
Sunday	1:25	7:25	
Mon through Thurs		7:25	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen  
Genre: Adventure • Rated R

### Synopsis

Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton reimagine Hansel and Gretel grown-up as bounty hunters in this Paramount Pictures production. Will Ferrell's Gary Sanchez Prods. produces, with Dead Snow's Tommy Wirkola directing from a script by D.W. Harper. Famke Janssen co-stars.



### Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters 2D

Friday		4:25	
Saturday		4:25	
Sunday		4:25	
Mon through Thurs		4:25	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen  
Genre: Adventure • Rated R



### Lincoln

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:00	4:30	7:30	
Mon through Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, David Strathairn  
Genre: Drama • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Steven Spielberg helms his long-in-the-making biopic of Abraham Lincoln for DreamWorks and Touchstone Pictures. Daniel Day-Lewis portrays the former head of state in the Tony Kushner-penned adaptation of Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, *Team of Rivals*, which chronicles the President's time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War.



### The Last Stand

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon through Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Forest Whitaker  
Genre: Action • Rated R

### Synopsis

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Sheriff Owens, a disgraced lawman who fled the LAPD to lord over the sleepy border town of Sommerton Junction, which becomes the only thing in the way of an escaped head of a drug cartel's path to freedom in Lionsgate's *The Last Stand*. I Saw the Devil's Kim Jee-woon directs from a script by Andrew Knauer and Jeffrey Nachmanoff.



### Mama

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:45
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:45
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon through Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Cast: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain  
Genre: Horror • Rated PG 13



### Broken City

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:55
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon through Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe, Catherine Zeta-Jones  
Genre: Drama • Rated R



### Gangsters Squad

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon through Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Josh Brolin  
Genre: Crime • Rated R



### Les Misérables

Friday		4:20	7:50
Saturday	12:55	4:20	7:50
Sunday	12:55	4:20	7:50
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Cast: Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway  
Genre: Musical • Rated PG 13

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## Voice actor for Charlie Brown arrested in Calif.

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—The man who was the voice of Charlie Brown in several “Peanuts” television shows was charged Wednesday with stalking and threatening his former girlfriend and a plastic surgeon who gave her a breast enhancement he apparently didn’t like.

Peter Robbins pleaded not guilty Wednesday in San Diego Superior Court to two counts of stalking and 10 counts of making criminal threats.

Prosecutors said the 56-year-old voice actor best known for his portrayal of Charlie Brown on the TV special “A Charlie Brown Christmas” repeatedly threatened his former girlfriend, calling her as many as 37 times in a 24-hour period on her cell-phone and telling her he would kill her and her son if she did not give back his dog and car.

Prosecutors said he also threatened the plastic surgeon in the coastal city of Carlsbad, calling her office so many times she moved to a hotel temporarily out of fear for her life and hired an armed guard outside her clinic. Authorities said Robbins paid for the breast enhancement and was demanding his money back after they broke up, according to the criminal complaint.

On Dec. 31, Robbins allegedly confronted his former girlfriend in a hotel room, beating his dog and telling her he would not stop hurting the animal and would kill her if she did not get a refund for the surgery, Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth McClutchey told the judge in arguing that bail be increased to \$550,000. McClutchey said he then grabbed his ex-girlfriend by the neck and shoved her against the door before fleeing.

Prosecutors also told the judge that Robbins had recently purchased a gun and had been practicing at a shooting range. San Diego Superior Court Judge David M. Szumowski agreed to up the bail from \$50,000 to \$550,000.

Robbins was arrested Sunday at the San Ysidro Port of Entry after authorities doing a background check upon his return from Mexico spotted a warrant from the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department.

Robbins was best known for his performance as the voice of Charlie Brown on “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.”

Defense Attorney Marc S. Kohnen told the judge the bail was set too high for a man with no prior criminal record, who has lived in San Diego County for 30 years and whose work is watched by so many children to this day. He called him a “distraught man” and said “this is not a stalking case” but declined to comment on what led to his arrest.

“Mr. Robbins is an eccentric individual,” Kohnen told reporters after the arraignment. “He’s not a threat to society.”

## Timberlake to perform at pre-Super Bowl party

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Justin Timberlake will appear in his first concert in more than four years the night before the Super Bowl.

Timberlake has signed on to perform during “DIRECTV Super Saturday Night,” held Feb. 2 in New Orleans.

The singer recently released a new single, “Suit and Tie,” featuring Jay-Z, and will release new album “The 20/20 Experience” later this year.

The invitation-only concert also features Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson of The Roots as DJ and will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is co-hosted by Mark Cuban’s AXS-TV.

The show will be held after DIRECTV’s “Celebrity Beach Bowl,” which features a performance by Pitbull.



This May 7, 2012 file photo shows singer-actor Justin Timberlake at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala benefit in New York.

## Football games dominate network viewing

**NEW YORK (AP)**—In the most recent week’s television viewing, there were the NFL conference championship games and everything else.

The Nielsen company said Wednesday that 47.7 million people watched the Baltimore Ravens win entree into the Super Bowl by beating the New England Patriots. The 42 million who saw the NFC championship between

San Francisco and Atlanta was down sharply from last year.

Still, networks increasingly rely on big live events to make up for dwindling regular viewing caused by DVRs and increased competition. Football is the most dependable: more than half of the shows that reached 20 million viewers since September 2010 were NFL games.

## Adele to perform Bond theme ‘Skyfall’ at Oscars



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Adele will perform the James Bond theme “Skyfall” at the Oscars, her first U.S. performance since last year’s Grammy Awards.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Wednesday that Adele will sing the Oscar-nominated song at the 85th annual Academy Awards on Feb. 24. She and producer Paul Epworth are nominated for best original song for “Skyfall.”

The announcement isn’t much of a surprise considering Adele’s award show ubiquity. She recently won a Golden Globe for the Bond theme.

Adele hasn’t previously sung “Skyfall” live for an audience. She says in a statement that she’s honored to be singing in front of people who’ve captured her imagination. The Oscars will also present a tribute to James Bond, marking the 50th anniversary of the franchise.

In this Feb. 21, 2012 file photo, performer Adele arrives for the Brit Awards 2012 at the O2 Arena in London.

## ‘Mad Men’ to return for new season on April 7

**NEW YORK (AP)**—AMC says “Mad Men” will return for its new season on April 7.

AMC announced Wednesday that the two-hour premiere kicks off the acclaimed drama series’ sixth season. The episode was written by “Mad Men” creator Matthew Weiner.

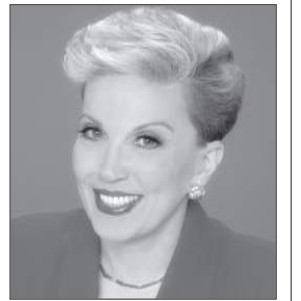
“Mad Men” is set in the advertising world of circa-1960s New York City and stars Jon Hamm as agency exec Don Draper. Other stars include January Jones, Elisabeth Moss, John Slattery and Christina Hendricks.



This undated image released by AMC shows Jon Hamm as Don Draper in a scene from Season 5 of “Mad Men.”

## Mother of twin boys worries they’re too close for comfort

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** I am the single mother of identical twin boys. They insist on dressing alike and use their own secret language. I have always had trouble telling them apart. When they were young, it was cute, but as they are growing older I’m starting to worry.

They’re 12. When they oversleep, they shower together to save time. Their teacher took me aside during a conference and said they seem to be overly affectionate with each other and might benefit from some time with a masculine role model. When I questioned her, she said there is gossip that they were seen touching and possibly even kissing.

My research has brought up the idea of “twincest,” and I am worried my boys may be falling into these habits. How would you suggest making them stop? Everyone keeps suggesting separation, but they share a room and I don’t have another one or the money to build one. Help!

MOM WITH TWO MUCH TROUBLE

**DEAR MOM:** You obviously love your boys, but please stop worrying. According to David Baron, M.D.—an internationally respected psychiatrist at the University of Southern California—at this point one of the most harmful things you could do is to blow this out of proportion. Twins have a special bond. They feel safer with each other than with their peers. If this persists, consult a therapist, for your peace of mind if nothing else. But please do not jump the gun because of gossip.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I wear dentures. I have never gone out in public without them. However, I have seen people I know take them out in restaurants, etc. It is not only awful to look at, but don’t they realize how they look? Am I shallow for not wanting anyone to see me without my “smile”? Is there some social etiquette that’s being broken?

TOOTHLESS IN COLORADO

**DEAR TOOTHLESS:** Of course there is. The active word here is “discretion.” If a dental appliance is ill-fitting and uncomfortable, it should not be left on the table or displayed like a goldfish in a glass of water for all to admire. And need I add that a trip to the dentist should be scheduled ASAP to remedy the problem?

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**DEAR ABBY:** I’m a college student and still live with my parents. My two older sisters moved out years ago. I never asked them why, but I’m sure it’s because our father is emotionally abusive. He talks down to us and makes us feel inadequate.

He has belittled my mother for years, to the point that she doesn’t bother arguing with him anymore. She used to play music all the time, but she’s now afraid to “bother anybody.” I can honestly say I never loved my father, and I wish Mom had divorced him years ago.

The few times I have tried to talk to him, he overreacted and accused me of being a drama queen who blows things out of proportion. He’s almost 60 but has the emotional depth of a spoiled, angry 12-year-old. How can I convince Mom that leaving him will do her more good than harm?

NO LOVE FOR DAD IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR NO LOVE FOR DAD:** You can’t do that unless you fully understand her reasons for staying with your father. Women stay with abusive men for various reasons. Some of them do it because they are so emotionally beaten down they think they have no other choice. Some stay because they are financially dependent, and others do it because they are afraid of being alone. She may be biding her time until you are out of the house, or she may love your father.

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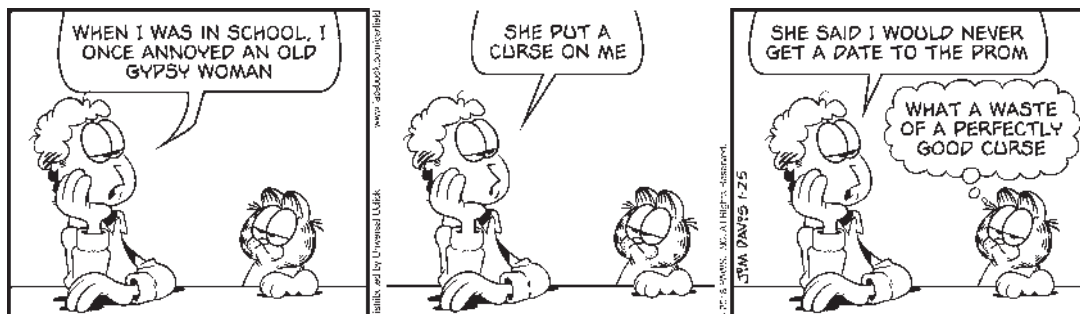
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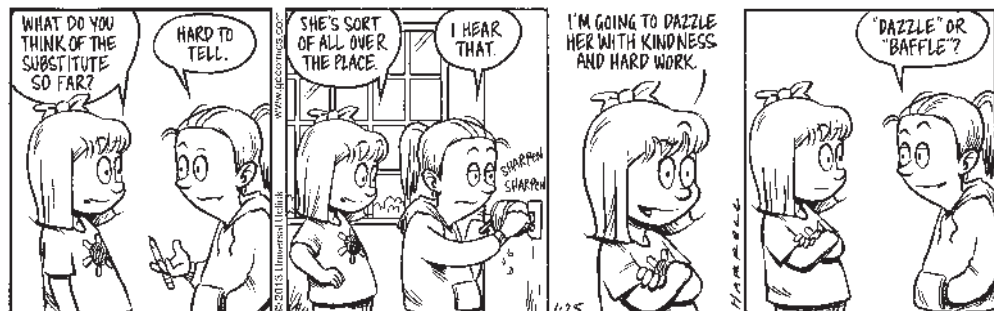


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<b>14</b> Luau side dish	<b>52</b> Emeril's interjection	<b>26</b> Showed affection	
<b>15</b> Suiitor	<b>53</b> Lennon's lady	<b>28</b> Sis' kid	
<b>16</b> Sponge	<b>54</b> African capital	<b>30</b> Little louse	
<b>18</b> Logic	<b>55</b> Pigpen	<b>32</b> Having a romantic glow, maybe	
<b>20</b> Clue	<b>56</b> A Bobbsey twin	<b>33</b> Carte lead-in	
<b>21</b> Sapporo sash		<b>34</b> Profit	
<b>23</b> Drench		<b>36</b> Big gorge	
<b>24</b> Papa		<b>38</b> Gets zero stars	
<b>25</b> File's partner		<b>39</b> WWII vessel	
<b>27</b> Women's home, said John Gray		<b>40</b> Spacious	
<b>29</b> Power source		<b>42</b> Oust	
<b>31</b> "The — Cometh"		<b>45</b> Radius neighbor	
<b>35</b> Because		<b>46</b> Birthright barterer	
<b>37</b> Portrayal		<b>48</b> Charged bit	
<b>38</b> Pop		<b>50</b> Before	
<b>41</b> Expert		<b>51</b> Pirouette pivot	

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 1-25

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## STUMPED?

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Alicia Keys, 33; Mia Kirshner, 38; Ana Ortiz, 42; Jennifer Lewis, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Personal secrets must be kept if you want to avoid a sudden change in the way you live and work. Opportunity knocks and you must jump in and participate if you want to get ahead. There will be a fine line between wanting something and being able to have what you want. Focus and go after your goals. Your numbers are 5, 13, 20, 22, 33, 41, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Wager the pros and cons and make a decision. The sooner you fixate on what's most important to you, the sooner advancement will come your way. Don't labor over the little things. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Talk will get you nowhere, but creative alternatives and action will show how serious you are about getting things done. Don't hold back physically. Size up your situation and make things happen. Love is on the rise. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Concentrate on whatever it takes that will get you ahead professionally. You will come up with innovative ideas that will help you stand out. Don't limit your possibilities. Believe in your ability to reach whatever destination you set. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let your emotions take over and ruin your plans. You have to separate your feelings from what needs to be done and get on with your day. By showing responsibility, you will win favors in the end. Romance is on the rise. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll face opposition from your peers or superiors. Think about what you have going for you before looking for something or someone new. Don't overload your to-do list, leaving little time to think matters through. Honesty is the best policy. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You deserve a break. You can go through the motions and achieve little, or you can enjoy the company of a friend or lover. Plan a day at the spa or go shopping. Most of all, do your best to alleviate stress. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't trust someone else to take care of your responsibilities. You have to finish what you start and answer questions in order to clear the passage ahead, allowing you to follow your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Travel for business or pleasure. Love is in the stars, and enjoying the company of those who spark your imagination or get you thinking about future possibilities will lead to unique and wonderful changes in the way you live your life. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You have some good ideas regarding your financial situation. However, make sure that you calculate accurately before you proceed. You are likely to be misinformed by someone wanting you to overspend or overindulge. Moderation will be the key to your success. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Discuss your plans with anyone subject to being influenced by the decisions you make. As long as you cover any responsibilities you have toward others, you will not face opposition. A couple of unexpected alterations will unfold. Prepare to adjust your plans. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Speak up. You must share your opinion and plans if you want to be included. Don't give in too readily to someone eager to take over or dump added responsibilities on you. Put greater emphasis on your home and personal life. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A plan you have may be a moneymaker, but if it has the potential to escalate into something you really can't afford, you may want to scale back until you have the backing of someone able to offer financial assistance. Love is highlighted. \*\*\*\*\*  
**Birthday Baby:** You are charming, charismatic and responsible. You are imaginative and inventive.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	3	5	9	7	1	4	2	8
4	9	7	2	3	8	6	5	1
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7	6	4	3	8	5	9	1	2
2	5	8	1	9	6	7	3	4
9	1	3	4	2	7	5	8	6
5	4	9	8	6	2	1	7	3
8	7	6	5	1	3	2	4	9
3	2	1	7	4	9	8	6	5

Difficulty Level ★★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**LISTEN TO YOUR HEART**

Solution: 7 letters

T	D	E	N	B	E	H	E	V	I	G	R	O	F	N
R	E	M	E	A	T	G	C	H	O	I	C	E	N	O
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S	I	T	O	A	C	A	R	H	T	N	P	A	K	S
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S	M	S	O	S	I	G	N	S	E	N	I	C	A	E
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E	O	E	A	T	L	W	E	L	R	F	T	T	E	
D	V	L	C	I	D	E	A	S	S	I	O	Y	I	S
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Actions, Affection, Alert, Answers, Awaken, Base, Change, Choice, Clarity, Core, Daily, Dating, Decision, Deepest, Desires, Devoted, Feeling, Focus, Forgive, Genuinely, Goal, Growth, Guided, Help, Honesty, Ideas, Insight, Joyful, Mate, Maturity, Meaningful, Mind, Open, Ponder, Relationships, Respect, Right, Signs, Spiritual, Time, Trust, Views, Warm, Wisdom  
**Yesterday's Answer: Start**

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**POSITION: HOUSEKEEPING (5)**  
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**Duties and responsibilities:** Responsible for creating and maintaining a clean and comfortable environment for hotel guests. Replace used linens, sanitize bathrooms and set up the rooms according to hotels standards. Carry linens, towels, toiletries and cleaning supplies using wheeled carts. Empty waste baskets, empty and clean ashtrays and transport other trash and waste to disposal areas. Clean hallways, lobbies, lounges, restrooms, corridors stairways, locker rooms and other work area so that health standards are met. Observe precautions required to protect hotel and guest property and report damage, theft and found articles to supervisors. Replenish supplies such as drinking glasses, linens, writing supplies and bathroom items. Clean rugs, carpets, upholstered furniture, and draperies, using vacuum cleaners and shampoos. Dust and polish furniture and equipment. Keep storage area and carts well-stocked, clean and tidy. Disinfect equipment and supplies, using germicides or steam operated sterilizers.

**POSITION: WAITER/WAITRESS (8)**  
**Qualification:** Minimum of 2 years experience and training in hotel & resort operation. Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and function. Good customer service, communication and interpersonal skills. Listen to, understand information through spoken words and sentences. Speak clearly so others can understand you. Identify and understand the speech of another person.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Serve food & beverage to guest, provide courteous professional, efficient and flexible service in order to maximize guest satisfaction. Present menus to patrons and answer questions about menu items, making recommendation upon request. Take orders and serve food and beverages to patrons, and prepare or serve specialty dishes at tables as required. Write patrons' food orders on order slips, memorize orders, or enter orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff. Check with customers to ensure that they are enjoying their meals and take actions to correct any problems. Prepare hot, cold and mixed drinks for patrons and chill bottles of wine. Prepare checks that itemize and total meal costs and collect payment from customers. Clean tables or counters after patrons have finished dining.

**POSITION: CHIEF ACCOUNTANT (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have a bachelor degree in Accountancy, CPA a plus. Minimum of 3 years experience as chief accountant. Must be able to work flexible hours.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Report to CFO regarding finances of the company. Prepare, examine or analyze financial information and prepare financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Develop, maintain and analyze budgets, preparing periodic reports that compare budgeted costs to actual costs. Develop, implement, modify, and document recordkeeping and accounting system, making use of current computer technology. Prepare report and schedule for audit. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements. Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments, and obligations to project future revenues and expenses or to provide advice.

**POSITION: ACCOUNTANT (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have a bachelor degree in accounting. Minimum 5 years experience as accountant. Must be able to work flexible hours.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Prepare bi-weekly and monthly payroll and maintain confidentiality and other related records. Take charge of accounts payable and accounts receivable. Maintain general ledger, accounting system, analyze accounts and prepare adjustment as needed. Assist with fixed assets and inventory system and record-keeping. Check daily deposit before depositing to the bank. Assist the chief accountant in the preparation of weekly, monthly and year end report.

**POSITION: ASSISTANT CHIEF WESTERN CUISINE (1)**  
**Qualification:** Minimum 5 years experience and training. Knowledge of standards of food preparation, serves and observe kitchen procedures. Reliable, responsible and dependable in fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and function.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure that standards are met. Supervise or coordinate activities of cooks or workers engaged in food preparation to ensure timely delivery of patrons order. Order or requisition food or other supplies needed to ensure efficient operation. Instruct cooks or other workers to check the quality and quantity of received products and in preparation, cooking, garnishing or presentation of food. Determine how food should be presented and create decorative food displays. Inspect supplies, equipment and food preparation areas to ensure conformance to safe and sanitary food-handling practices and established company standards.

**POSITION: SUPERVISOR, LANDSCAPE (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have 7 years of experience and training in the field of Golf Course Industry. Must be reliable, responsible and dependable in fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work flexible hours.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in landscaping, cultivating lawns, pruning trees and shrubs or grounds keeping activities. Establish and enforce operating procedures and work standards that will ensure adequate performance and personnel safety. Train workers in tasks such as transplanting or pruning trees or shrubs, finishing cement, using equipment or caring for turf. Monitor project activities to ensure that instructions are followed, deadlines are met and schedules are maintained. Schedules work for crews, depending on work priorities, crew or equipment availability, or weather condition. Inventory supplies of tools, equipment or materials to ensure that sufficient supplies are available and items are in usable condition. Confer with other supervisors to coordinate work activities with those of other departments.

**POSITION: MACHINIST (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have 5 years of experience and training. Must have overall knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance. Knowledge of mechanics, mathematics, metal properties, layout and machining procedures.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments. Fabricate, modify or repair mechanical instruments or parts to make or repair machine tools or maintain industrial machines. Calculate dimensions or tolerance, using instruments such as micrometers or vernier calipers. Machine parts to specifications, using machine tools, such as lathes, milling machines, shapers or grinders. Set up, adjust or operate basic or specialized machine tools used to perform precision machining operations. Align and secure holding fixtures, cutting tools, attachments, accessories, or materials onto machines. Monitor the feed and speed of machines during the machining process. Maintain machine tools in proper operational condition.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

<b>HAIQIN DAI</b> Petitioner,	}	<b>FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION</b> <b>NO. 12-0554</b>
<b>vs.</b>		
<b>GAO DONG JIE</b> Respondent,	}	<b>SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION</b>

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is HAIQIN DAI, C/O PMB 2621, P.O. BOX 10002 GARAPAN, SAIPAN as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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/s/ Clerk of Court

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**S P O R T S****Li beats Sharapova, advances to finals**

China's Li Na hits a forehand return to Russia's Maria Sharapova during their semifinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013.



**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**—Li Na used the heat to her advantage and worked No. 2-ranked Maria Sharapova around Rod Laver Arena in a 6-2, 6-2 win on Thursday that put her in the Australian Open final for the second time in three years.

Sharapova was the heavy favorite after conceding only nine games in her first five matches, a record at the Australian Open since it expanded to a 128-player draw in 1988.

But the semifinal started badly for the 25-year-old Russian, serving double-faults to lose the first two points and conceding a break in the first game.

Li had the backing of the crowd at Rod Laver Arena, where dozens of red and white

Chinese flags swirled in a light breeze, and where the temperature topped 93 degree during the first of the semifinals.

Li was the first Chinese player to reach a Grand Slam final when she lost to Kim Clijsters in Melbourne in 2011. She had her breakthrough a few months later when she won the French Open, beating Sharapova in the semifinals along the way.

She will now play the winner of Thursday's later semifinal between top-ranked Victoria Azarenka, the defending champion, and 19-year-old American Sloane Stephens.

The 29th-seeded Stephens

produced the upset of the tournament to advance to a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time, beating Serena Williams on Wednesday.

Stephens won 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, starting to swing hard when she was down a set and a break and keeping her composure when Williams, one of her childhood heroes, jarred her back and needed a medical timeout.

Stephen's surprise win did instant wonders for her celebrity.

Before the match, Stephens said she had about 17,000 followers on Twitter. A few hours after reaching her first Grand Slam semifinal, she had more than 40,000.

And she sounded like an excited schoolgirl as she gushed about receiving a congratulatory tweet from American singer John Legend.

"I want John Legend to sing at my wedding!" she said. "I was like, 'Oh my God. He

tweeted me. What can I do?"

She re-tweeted the sentiments from Legend: "Just found out her dad is John Stephens from the Pats. (that's my real name) I had his football card when I was a kid. I was so proud, ha ha."

Stephens' father, who played for the New England Patriots, died in 2009.

Retired basketball star Shaquille O'Neal sent a message that read: "When u defeat a legend you become a legend." The Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki wrote, "Wow. What a win for Sloane. Some amazing defense. She gets every ball back."

While there were surprises in the composition of the women's last four, the make-up of the men's semifinals was as expected.

**Calm Murray faces Federer in semis Down Under**

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**—On the eve of the Australian Open, Novak Djokovic was asked if he had noticed anything different about Andy Murray.

"He has a shorter haircut," said the five-time Grand Slam winner, smiling.

But the top-ranked Djokovic then turned serious because Murray's makeover is no joking matter.

The 25-year-old player from Scotland is attempting to win a second consecutive Grand Slam after a breakthrough year that included wins at the London Olympics and the U.S. Open. He arrived in Melbourne with a new demeanor, a sense of calm and confidence.

"I think mentally something switched in his head," Djokovic said. "And he just started believing much more in his abilities.

"Now that he's done it, he's definitely right up there, one of the first few favorites for any tournament he plays."

The third-seeded Murray advanced to the semifinals Wednesday, grabbing a spot in an all-star lineup featuring the top four players.

Djokovic is in the first semifinal against No. 4 David Ferrer, who took the spot in the absence of an injured Rafael Nadal.

Third-seeded Murray faces No. 2 Roger Federer in the latest rematch in a tight rivalry. Murray leads Federer 10-9 in the series, including last year's Olympic final. But he has played the Swiss star in three Grand Slam finals and lost them all.

"I'm expecting a tough match," said Federer, describing Murray as clever and tactical.

"He's changed his game around a bit. He's playing more defensive. I'm looking forward to it."

Federer is aiming for his 18th Grand Slam. The Swiss star stamped his authority on center court by beating the athletic Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3 to reach the Australian Open semifinals for a 10th consecutive year.

After losing, Tsonga picked his favorite to win the tournament: "I would say Andy, for the moment. But it could change, of course."

Murray won his quarterfinal against Jeremy Chardy of France 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 to extend a streak of straight-set wins into the semis. Of all the men in the draw, Murray is technically the freshest, having spent less time on court - just under nine hours

in the past 10 days.

Chardy walked into his post-match news conference saying he couldn't believe how well Murray had played.

"I've played him several times, and every time I always thought I had a chance," said the 36th-ranked Frenchman, who beat Murray in August in Cincinnati. "Today, he never let me think even once I had a chance to win."

"He's calm on the court. He was so concentrated, and had so much intensity from the start. Right away, I was in difficulty. And during the whole match, he never dropped his level."

Murray's intensity on court diminishes only slightly in his news conferences where he is modest, polite and mild-mannered. He said he was pleased to reach the 12th Grand Slam semifinal of his career.



# Sosa says he, McGwire belong in Hall of Fame



**CHICAGO (AP)—**Sammy Sosa thinks he and fellow steroid-tainted star Mark McGwire belong in the Hall of Fame.

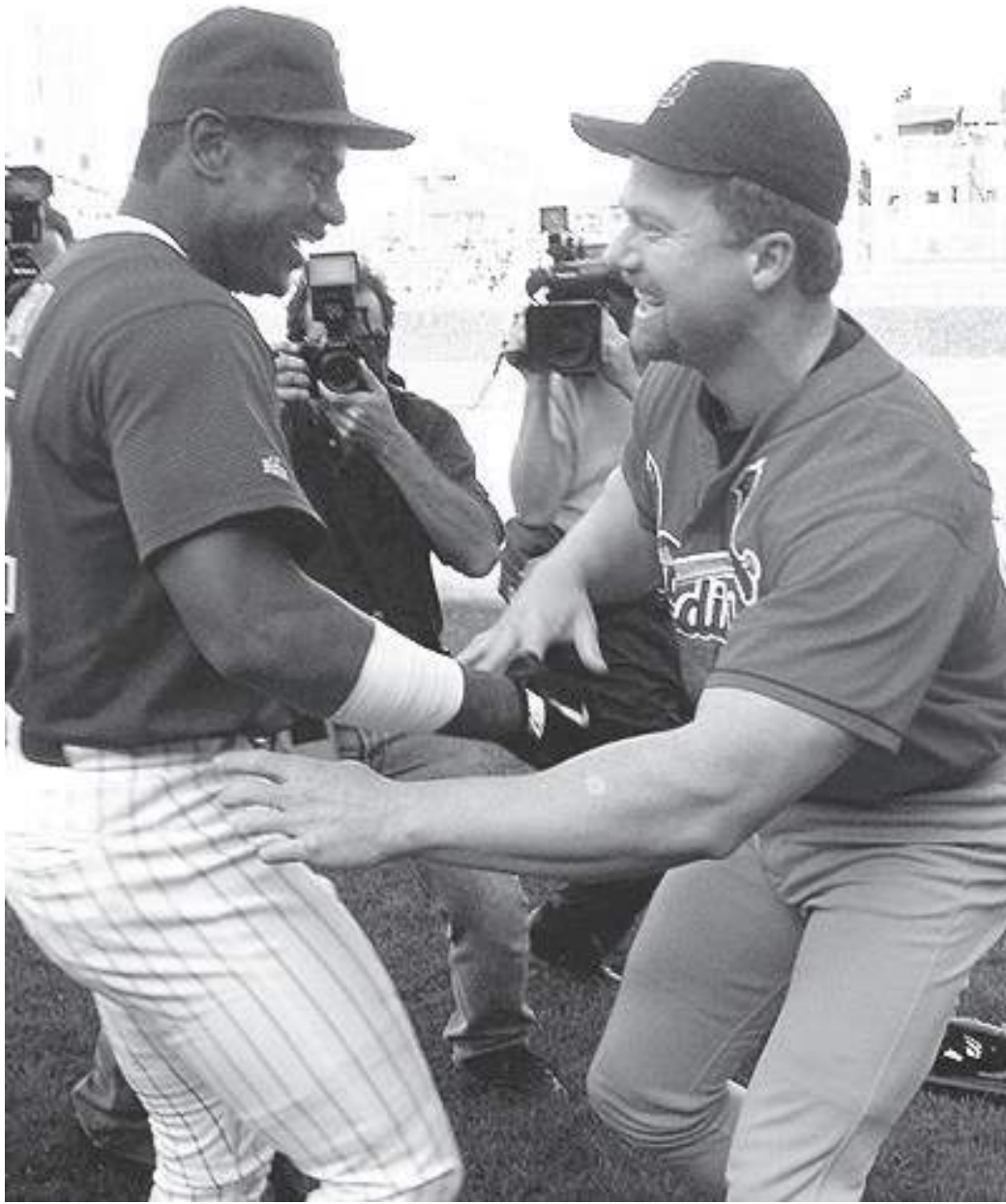
Slammin' Sammy also said the Chicago Cubs should retire his number, and he left open the possibility of running for president of the Dominican Republic during an interview Wednesday on the website Us-tream.com.

Asked if he thinks he or McGwire belong in the Hall, Sosa said: "I think so."

"I'm not going to come here and say anything that is going to jeopardize my future," he added. "But definitely time will determine everything. Right now whatever it is, it is. I am not (somebody who) is going to go out there and say anything I don't want to say. I'm waiting for my time. ... I don't like controversy. Definitely time will determine everything."

Sosa, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were denied entry to the Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility amid suspicions their accomplishments were boosted by performance-enhancing drugs. McGwire, 10th on the career home run list, received 16.9 percent of the vote on his seventh try, far short of the 75 percent needed for election.

Sosa, who finished with 609 home runs and ranks eighth on the all-time chart, received 12.5 percent of the vote. He



Sammy Sosa, left, seen here in an undated file photo, said he and Mark McGwire, right, belong in the Hall of Fame.

## Super Bowl or super brrr? Big game coming to NY



**NEW YORK (A P) —** A my Freeze can talk football and forecasts.

So with the Super Bowl coming to New York next year, and with local temperatures stuck in the teens, the WABC-TV meteorologist was all set to look ahead.

"Football fans like a little winter weather," she offered on a windy Wednesday.

OK, but exactly how wintry?

Try this long-range reckoning for the matchup at MetLife Stadium, from the soon-to-be printed Farmers' Almanac: "An intense storm, heavy rain, snow and strong winds. This could seriously impact Super Bowl XLVIII."

Predicts editor Pete Geiger: "This is going to be one for the ages."

"Hey, it goes with the territory," he said by phone from Lewiston, Maine.

Way too early to say for sure what awaits fans and players in the first outdoor Super Bowl at a cold-weather site. It'll be held Feb. 2, 2014, at the building shared by the Giants and Jets in East Rutherford, N.J.

The record low for a Super Bowl kickoff is 39 degrees when Dallas beat Miami in January 1972 at Tulane Stadium

in New Orleans. It will be a lot warmer back in the Big Easy when the Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers tangle in less than two weeks. They'll be inside the Superdome.

The NFL was aware next year's Super Bowl could be a super brrr.

"Creating a plan for staging a Super Bowl in winter weather is not reinventing the wheel," NFL senior vice president for events Frank Supovitz said two years ago. "Super Bowls have often been played in cities that can experience winter storms, including Detroit, Minneapolis ..."

"Coordinated snow and ice removal plans for travel routes, major event facilities, the stadium campus, and parking have always been part of our planning protocol," he said then.

Remember, no city is immune to rugged weather. Even though Green Bay and Pittsburgh played inside Cowboys Stadium two years, snow and ice blanketed the lead-up events.

Besides, a blizzard isn't likely. The National Weather Service said the average high in nearby Newark, N.J., on Feb. 2 is 39.8 degrees and the low is 24.2. The average precipitation on that date going back to 1931 is about one-eighth of an inch.

The only significant precipi-

tation during a Super Bowl came in February 2007 at Miami. Playing in a rainstorm, Indianapolis and Chicago committed four turnovers in the first quarter.

Expect ticket sales to be brisk next year, StubHub spokesman Glenn Lehrman said. Ticket prices are running about \$3,100 for the Ravens-49ers game, and Lehrman predicted the 2014 Super Bowl would create the largest demand "we've ever had."

"I think people want to be part of a first-time experience. Whatever it is," he said.

Lehrman said because so many people live on the East Coast - within driving distance of the stadium, not needing pricey hotel rooms - cold weather wouldn't have a chilling effect.

It certainly had an effect in New York on Wednesday. The radio hosts on WFAN began their noontime show talking about the weather; at De Witt Clinton Park in Manhattan, the artificial turf fields often occupied by pickup football games were empty.

But for a chance to see a Super Bowl, fans might sit for a few hours in a raw setting.

"You can see in Lambeau Field how they endure the cold there. They sell out there all the time, and in the Giants' and Jets' stadium they do the same," New

York Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said before Wednesday night's NHL game at Madison Square Garden against the Boston Bruins.

"For an event like that I don't think the cold weather is going to deter anybody," said Callahan, a native of Rochester, N.Y.

Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine agreed. Her grandfather was the Packers' first president and she recalled being in the stands for the famed Ice Bowl—the 1967 NFL championship between Green Bay and Dallas when the game-time temperature at Lambeau Field was minus-13 degrees.

"I've got sitting in the cold weather down to a science," she said in an email. "Sitting at Lambeau in subzero weather is all about the clothes: Cashmere, fleece and down and, of course, Ugg boots."

Come next year, Freeze ("that's my real name," she added) said the wintry conditions might be a factor. She's seen that up close - while working four years in Chicago, she was a team meteorologist for the Bears, consulting with coaches, special teams members and equipment personnel.

"I'm always for the home-field advantage," she said. "I think the weather will play into it."

was among those who tested positive in Major League Baseball's 2003 anonymous survey, The New York Times reported in 2009. He told a congressional committee in 2005 that he never took illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

Meanwhile, Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts said at the team's fan convention last weekend that the club might try to re-establish a relationship with Sosa,

who left on bad terms following the 2004 season. The organization had different ownership and management back then.

Sosa said he was aware of Ricketts' comments.

"They know where I am," he said. "If they want to find me, they have to call me. I'm always available."

Would he run for president of the Dominican Republic?

"You never know," Sosa said.

## Seau's family sues NFL over brain injuries



**NEW YORK (AP)—** Add Junior Seau's family to the thousands of people who are suing the NFL over the long-term damage caused by concussions.

Seau's ex-wife and four children sued the league Wednesday, saying the former linebacker's suicide was the result of brain disease caused by violent hits he sustained while playing football.

The wrongful death lawsuit, filed in California Superior Court in San Diego, blames the NFL for its "acts or omissions" that hid the dangers of repetitive blows to the head. It says Seau developed chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) from those hits, and accuses the NFL of deliberately ignoring and concealing evidence of the risks associated with traumatic brain injuries.

Seau died at age 43 of a self-inflicted gunshot in May. He was diagnosed with CTE, based on posthumous tests, earlier this month.

An Associated Press review in November found that more than 3,800 players have sued the NFL over head injuries in at least 175 cases as the concussion issue has gained attention in recent years. The total number of plaintiffs is 6,000 when spouses, relatives and other representatives are included.

Scores of the concussion lawsuits have been brought together before U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody in Philadelphia.

"Our attorneys will review it and respond to the claims appropriately through the court," the NFL said in a statement Wednesday.

Helmet manufacturer Riddell Inc., also is a defendant, with the Seau family saying Riddell was "negligent in their design, testing, assembly, manufacture, marketing, and engineering of the helmets" used by NFL players. The suit says the helmets were unreasonably dangerous and unsafe.

Riddell issued a statement saying it is "confident in the integrity of our products and our ability to successfully defend our products against challenges."

Seau was one of the best linebackers during his 20 seasons in the NFL, retiring in 2009.

"We were saddened to learn that Junior, a loving father and teammate, suffered from CTE," the family said in a statement re-

leased to the AP. "While Junior always expected to have aches and pains from his playing days, none of us ever fathomed that he would suffer a debilitating brain disease that would cause him to leave us too soon."

"We know this lawsuit will not bring back Junior. But it will send a message that the NFL needs to care for its former players, acknowledge its decades of deception on the issue of head injuries and player safety, and make the game safer for future generations."

Plaintiffs are listed as Gina Seau, Junior's ex-wife; Junior's children Tyler, Sydney, Jake and Hunter, and Bette Hoffman, trustee of Seau's estate.

The lawsuit accuses the league of glorifying the violence in pro football, and creating the impression that delivering big hits "is a badge of courage which does not seriously threaten one's health."

It singles out NFL Films and some of its videos for promoting the brutality of the game.

"In 1993's 'NFL Rocks,' Junior Seau offered his opinion on the measure of a punishing hit: 'If I can feel some dizziness, I know that guy is feeling double (that),' the suit says."

The NFL consistently has denied allegations similar to those in the lawsuit.

"The NFL, both directly and in partnership with the NIH, Centers for Disease Control and other leading organizations, is committed to supporting a wide range of independent medical and scientific research that will both address CTE and promote the long-term health and safety of athletes at all levels," the league told the AP after it was revealed Seau had CTE.

The lawsuit claims money was behind the NFL's actions.

"The NFL knew or suspected that any rule changes that sought to recognize that link (to brain disease) and the health risk to NFL players would impose an economic cost that would significantly and adversely change the profit margins enjoyed by the NFL and its teams," the Seaus said in the suit.

The National Institutes of Health, based in Bethesda, Md., studied three unidentified brains, one of which was Seau's, and said the findings on Seau were similar to autopsies of people "with exposure to repetitive head injuries."



# Grizzlies strike slumping Lakers, 106-93



**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** (AP)—Darrell Arthur scored 20 points and Mike Conley added 19 as the Memphis Grizzlies beat Los Angeles 106-93

Wednesday night, handing the Lakers their fourth straight loss and 10th in 12 games.

Los Angeles lost its seventh consecutive road game, and center Dwight Howard missed the second half after aggravating his sore shoulder in the first half.

Rudy Gay, Zach Randolph and Tony Allen added 12 points apiece as Memphis improved to 12-0 when scoring at least 100 points. Randolph also grabbed 10 rebounds. The Grizzlies had a 60-34 edge in the paint with Howard sidelined during the second half.

Kobe Bryant scored 29 points for the Lakers and Metta World Peace added 15.

## Heat 123, Raptors 116, OT

In Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 35 points, LeBron James got his 34th career triple-double and Miami rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat Toronto.

James finished with 31 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for Miami, getting the last board on Toronto's final shot of the night. Wade added seven assists, including the one that set up Ray Allen for the 3-pointer that clinched the win with 59.3

seconds left in overtime.

Allen scored 18, Mario Chalmers added 14 and Chris Bosh had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Miami.

## Nets 91, Timberwolves 83

In Minneapolis, Brook Lopez strengthened his case for a spot on the All-Star team with 22 points on 10-for-16 shooting, helping Brooklyn hold off Minnesota.

The Nets improved to 12-2 under interim coach P.J. Carlesimo, and they're 9-1 with their preferred starting lineup: Lopez, the NBA's highest-scoring center, Deron Williams, Joe Johnson, Gerald Wallace and Reggie Evans. Williams and Johnson scored 18 points apiece, and the Nets never trailed despite some sloppy stretches of play.

## Bulls 85, Pistons 82

In Chicago, Nate Robinson had 11 points and seven assists in 21 minutes off the bench, leading a furious fourth-quarter comeback that carried Chicago past Detroit.

Joakim Noah sacrificed his body to save a loose ball, which Marco Belinelli converted into a game-winning basket with 7 seconds left. Tayshaun Prince and Rodney Stuckey each missed potential tying 3-pointers at the other end.

Robinson put the Bulls on his back, scoring nine straight



Memphis Grizzlies' Rudy Gay, left, and Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (24) battle for a loose ball during first half of an NBA basketball game in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013.

points early in the fourth as Chicago overcame a 17-point deficit to beat the Pistons for the 17th straight time.

## Hawks 104, Bobcats 92

In Charlotte, Josh Smith had 30 points and 13 rebounds, and Atlanta snapped a six-game road losing streak with a win over Charlotte.

Kyle Korver added 21 points on 5-of-6 shooting from beyond the 3-point arc as the Hawks sent the Bobcats to their 16th straight home loss, three shy of the NBA record. Smith finished two assists shy of a triple-double. Ivan Johnson added 12 points and 15 rebounds.

## Nuggets 105, Rockets 95

In Houston, Ty Lawson scored 21 points, Wilson Chandler had 20 and Denver pulled away in the third quarter against mistake-prone Houston.

Danilo Gallinari sank three 3-pointers and scored 18 points for the Nuggets, who converted 28 points off 23 Houston turnovers to beat the Rockets for the fifth straight time.

James Harden scored 23 points and Omer Asik grabbed 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who have lost eight of nine. Jeremy Lin watched the fourth quarter from the bench for the second straight game.

## Spurs 106, Hornets 102

In San Antonio, Tony Parker had 24 points and 13 assists as San Antonio rallied past New Orleans, overcoming the absence of Tim Duncan and coach Gregg Popovich for its 15th straight win at home.

Tiago Splitter added 25 points and seven rebounds, and Stephen Jackson scored 15 for the Spurs.

## Blazers 100, Pacers 80

In Portland, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 27 points and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Indiana Pacers 100-80 on Wednesday night to snap a six-game losing streak.

Rookie Damian Lillard added 20 points and eight assists for the Blazers, who also stopped a four-game losing streak at home and avoided dropping five straight at the Rose Garden for the first time since 2006.

J.J. Hickson had 14 points and 13 rebounds for his 24th double-double this season.

## Suns 106, Kings 96

In Sacramento, Luis Scola scored 21 points and the Phoenix Suns won their first game under new coach Lindsey Hunter, beating the Sacramento Kings 106-96 on Wednesday night.

The Suns, tied with New Orleans for the worst record in the Western Conference at 14-28, outplayed the Kings in the second half, quieting a Sacramento crowd that was watching the Kings for the first time since the announced sale of the team to a group of Seattle businessmen.

## Jazz 92, Wizards 88

In Salt Lake City, Paul Millsap had 16 points and 15 rebounds to help the Utah Jazz hold off the Washington Wizards 92-88 on Wednesday night.

Millsap added two blocks and three steals. He led six Jazz players in double figures.

Webster led Washington with 15 points. John Wall added 14 in 27 minutes for the Wizards, who shot 36 percent. Emeka Okafor grabbed 17 rebounds.

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# Close victories in Blue Haus caging

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The 3rd Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League returned to action at the Garapan Basketball Court last week with four teams recording close wins.

The R-Rebels survived Servitek (2-3), 76-71, in the opening pairing on Jan. 17 to extend its streak to four, while the short-handed Capalad gutted it out over Maplas Ka'Money (1-4) in the late tip, 75-70, for its first victory.

However, last Tuesday, both victors laid eggs as the R-Reb-

els (1-4) fell for the first time to Sun Palace (3-2), 61-65, and the Bandits (1-3) prevailed over Capalad (1-4), 61-64.

The season continued last night with a triple feature starting at 6pm, as Group A's Rollers (3-1) lined up against Kentucky Fried Chicken/Angie's Boys (2-2). Then Group C's Hite (2-1) faced Yuman Construction (2-2), while Hite took on Cargo Express (1-1).

Other standings include Group A's JWS (0-5) and Servitek (2-3); Group B's San Antonio (5-0), Docomo Pacific (4-1), and Ol'Aces (2-2); and Group C's Insider (4-1), Hibiscus (2-2) and

Yuichiro Electric (0-4).

Last Tuesday, the R-Rebels buried a couple of early three-pointers to salvage a 14-11 lead in the opening period. They then opened a 37-24 gash at halftime, as Frank Mettao and Fred Litulumar teamed of for a baker's dozen, while Y.J. Nakayama made two treys late in the second period.

The R-Rebels maintained control, 51-45, heading into crunch time, as Mettao steadied the group through the third quarter, before things fell apart for the Group A frontrunners in the final canto.

Sun Palace held R-Rebels to 10 points in the fourth and pulled

off a sweet comeback behind Erick Dela Rosa, who scored eight of his 10 points in the clutch. Jun Alipio top-scored for Sun Palace with his 17 markers, while Litulumar muscled his way to a game-high 20.

In the late match, the Bandits managed an early 19-16 favor off the 6 points apiece of Gil Gapor and Jomar Tumaquip.

Team Capalad remained hot on their trail through midpoint as the count shifted to 38-36 at intermission. Tumaquip added a handful in the period, while Melvin Achas also made contributions. Raymond Castro and Pando Muleta provided the bulk of Capalad's offense in the first half, combining for 19 points.

The Bandits maintained a 51-

47 advantage, heading into the final period, with Tumaquip adding 6 more in the third canto.

Capalad's Jomer Diyco rang in a pair of back to back treys to

## XGA holds two competitions tomorrow at COP



The Xclusive Golf Association is coupling its 2012 season-ending Ace of Aces tournament with its 2013 season opener January Ace of the Month event tomorrow at Coral Ocean Point.

Show time is set for noon with a 1pm tee off.

Last month during its 2012 December Ace of the Month, Antonio Sablan clinched the final Ace of Aces berth after posting a gross 85 that was adjusted

keep his team's hopes alive, but Tumaquip would not let his team lose and dropped in 9 of the Bandits' 13 points in the playoff period to secure the win.

into a net 69. He shot a 41 in the first nine holes and finished the back nine with a 44.

The XGA is made up of about 30 members and is currently accepting new members for a reduced annual membership fee of \$30 (from \$50). Renewal fee for returning members is \$25. Club polo shirts are also available for only \$25.

For more information, contact XGA secretary J.J. Cabrera at 287-9478 or Gerald Guerrero at 285-4153. **(WCS)**

## KFC

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game at the break, behind by only five, 49-54.

Estolas sat out in the third period and KFC/Taco Bell took advantage of his absence, nabbing the lead, 71-68, With Estolas out, KFC held Mobil to 14 points in the third frame while receiving offense from 10 of its players.

Having been in such a position many times before, Mobil did not panic, however in this case, the Marvin Deocares-coached squad may have been too relaxed and hardly express any sense of urgency heading into the last 10 minutes of play.

As for KFC/Taco Bell, it played with reckless abandon and went on to send its favored opponents packing with raw hustle. KFC also leaned on its consistent 3-point shooting, as it canned three more in the fourth to put Mobil in a headlock with about three minutes left in regulation.

Jaymark De Guzman splashed in back-to-back treys that started the surge and his teammates fed off the energy to take the big win.

Jack Aranda ended up leading five other KFC players in double figures with his 15 points, while Ruloked turned in 20 in defeat.

Meanwhile, in last Wednesday's curtain raiser, both teams started slow with OCM managing a slim 9-8 off Ben Lisua's

successive baskets and Rodney Sacramento's triple.

Sacramento connected with another long range strike for 6 more points in the second quarter to help OCM retain the driver's seat at halftime, 22-19.

KB Market seemed out of sync from the tip, though Preston Basa managed 7 points to keep his team afloat.

KB Market regrouped at the break and its shooters began to find their mark in the third period with Basa hitting two triples to turn the table in their favor, 42-41, heading into crunch time.

OCM bit down in the final period and answered with a pair of strikes behind the arch early in the fourth quarter, while Ben

Lisua tallied 9 points down the home stretch to secure the third semis seat.

Bernard Aquino and Alex Standish combined for a baker's dozen in the fourth for KB Market, but the rest of their teammates went cold.

Lisua scored a game-high 23 points, while Basa was held to a meager team-high 14 on the short end.

### First Game

**OCM 65** – Lisua 23, Teregeyo 14, Sacramento 12, Diaz 6, Tenorio 4, Babauta 3, Barrios 1.

**KB Market 59** – Basa 14, B. Aquino 13, Standish 9, P. Lizama 5, De Dios 4, Je. Norita 4,

Wesley 4, Fitial 2, Ito 2, Paraiso 1, Umali 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 9-8, 22-19, 41-42, 65-59.

### Second Game

**KFC/Taco Bell 93** – Aranda 15, Manglona 13, Ja. De Guzman 13, Bahillo 11, Joyner 10,

Salem 10, Abuel 7, Bernardo 5, Fernando 4, Saturno 2, Francisco 2.

**Mobil 85** – Ruloked 20, Estolas 18, Basila 16, Peredo 12, Sharry 8, Mangali 7, Jo. De Guzman 2, B. Camacho 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 26-27, 49-54, 71-68, 93-85.

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Tumbaga in the win column. Tumbaga opened the hostilities in Division B of the DLX/Anchor Strong caging last Monday and edged Chinatown, 70-67, while JWS was awarded a win via forfeiture against LD Prime.

LD Prime went on to drop to a 0-2 record, as it muffed two chances of sending its game against Servitek in overtime after missing crucial attempts in the closing seconds of the match.

Lester Lapuz had the first opportunity to tie the game when he was fouled on a fastbreak play with 1.7 seconds left on the clock and Servitek leading, 64-62. However, he faltered on his first free throw and was forced to miss the second one. Lapuz's second charity rattled in and out of the rim and while his other teammates and Servitek players jumped for the rebound, the ball just fell in front of LD Prime's Carl Aldan. Aldan then went for a shot, but he was a bit deep underneath and could not use the board, overshooting the potential game-tying basket.

Servitek escaped with the close victory despite entering the playoff canto with a four-point deficit, 47-51. George Villlasan brought Servitek back in the game in the fourth frame, making 9 of his 11 points in that canto, while Rio "Pacman" Jacob nailed the go-ahead basket.

Servitek had an opportunity to stretch the lead to four in the last 7 seconds of the match, but Noel Mateo went 0-for-2 from the foul line. LD Prime then went for the pitch after the second miss with Lapuz driving strong to the basket and drawing a foul on Jacob, but failed to hit the clutch baskets.

James Dela Cruz, on the other hand, delivered at crunch time, making the game-winning basket

for Adobo in the second game.

Dela Cruz was at the right place at the right time in the closing second of the match, as he picked up a loose ball in the paint after teammate Shane Deleon Guerrero failed to cash in on his drive. Dela Cruz then pulled up for a short jumper and made the dagger, 70-69. Morales was left with five seconds to orchestrate a play, but with no timeout left, it scrambled from the backcourt as time expired.

Meanwhile, the first game in Division B last Monday also had a close finish with Tumbaga getting 7 points from Ian John Laret in the fourth quarter to thwart Chinatown.

Laret top-scored for Tumbaga with his 24 points, while Herbert Maranan chipped in 19.

### WEDNESDAY First Game

**Servitek 64** – Bintz 13, Mateo 12, Villasan 11, Detera 10, Alvarez 4, Webb 4, Jacob 2, Esconde 2.

**LD Prime 62** – Fleming 15, Esteves 12, R. Quemado 10, Isip 10, S. Quemado 6, Aldan 3, Lapuz 3, Herrera 2, Toribio 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-13, 34-28, 47-51, 64-62.

### Second Game

**Adobo 70** – Vertudez 25, S. Deleon Guerrero 14, Dela Cruz 10, Mamaril 10, Tadifa 4, Aranda 4, Alegre 3.

**Morales 69** – Factor 26, Dayrit 14, Ibanez 11, Galulu 8, Morales 3, Bautista 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-9, 33-26, 51-48, 70-69.

### MONDAY

**Tumbaga 70** – Laret 24, Maranan 19, Tinio 7, Tangkoy 6, Santos 6, J. Deleon Guerrero 4, Daria 2, Sablan 2.

**Chinatown 67** – Zapanta 20, Norita 17, Quizon 13, Solito 7, Avila 6, Dela Cruz 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-18, 28-32, 52-49, 70-67.

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final period, thanks largely to the 12-point production of center Erick Dela Rosa. Ediberto Javier III bagged 6 late points in the third to help fill the void De Guzman and Alegre left on the Rays' offense.

Darag's early exit hurt the Dolphins in the last frame, while Dela Rosa was held to a handful of markers before exceeding his foul limit. Joseph Aguilar came off the bench to make up for the absence of Darag and Dela Rosa and try to ignite a late rally, but Southern's depth proved to be too much for the depleted MHS. The Dolphins actually managed to swipe the lead briefly, however the Rays recovered quickly and canned four free throws in the final minute to ice it.

Aranda and De Guzman scored 10 points apiece in the clutch for the Rays, and the latter went on to finish with a game-high 25. Dela Rosa turned

in a team-high 22.

### JUNIOR VARSITY MHS 60, SSHS 22

Ethan Manalili busted a trey to help push MHS ahead, 8-3, in the opening stanza and a late string of six points from Lixing Dai in the second quarter gave the Dolphins a healthy 26-9 cushion at midpoint. Dai led MHS with 7 points in the first half.

The Rays got some offense rolling after the pause. However it came at a cost to their defensive front, as MHS pulled away in the third quarter, 48-18, after the Dolphins received contributions from eight different players.

Southern threw in the towel by the start of the final quarter, as MHS cruised to its third victory in as many games.

Dai's 12 points led MHS, while James Kintaro paced Southern with 7.

### FRESHMEN MHS 53, SSHS 22

The Dolphins are also undefeated in two games in the freshmen divi-

sion after another lopsided win.

MHS was only ahead by a deuce after the first quarter, 6-4, before it made its move in the second for a 22-9 halftime advantage. Mikah Bintz led the Dolphins with his 8 markers.

The Dolphins then nailed a pair of treys in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 32-15, heading into the last period, and went on to run up the score in the end.

Bintz logged a game-high 14 points, while Art Borromeo scrambled for a team-high 10 for Southern, which debuted in the freshmen division.

Meanwhile, the season continues today with Kagman High School (1-1) facing Agape Christian School (2-1) in a junior varsity pairing at 4pm and the Ayuyus taking on Eucon International School (1-2) in the varsity match at 5:45pm.

### Freshmen

**MHS 53** – Bintz 14, Mendoza 10, A. Francisco 7, Cosino 4, Deocares 4, Cadua 3, Adma-

throw, jump, climb, push, pull, and much more while learning the values of team play and sportsmanship throughout all activities," Rangamar added.

The Level 5 academy coach also said they are offering a free camp for one week to give the participants the chance to decide whether to continue with the program. The camp will be held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Meanwhile, registration for

the camp and will be assisted by other athletics officials.

Rangamar is the CNMI national coach and holds a Level 5 academy coaching certificate from the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

"Athletes will also be introduced to the team concept of athletics. The program's daily themed workouts include skills challenges and obstacle courses where kids will learn to run,

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interested participants will be admitted to the camp for free during the first week of the session.

"The month-long camp focuses on teaching kids movement skills through situations and games using 'guided discovery' while keeping it all fun," said NMA vice president Elias Rangamar, who will lead

NMA's junior national and national levels will also run from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1. The junior national group is for athletes in the 12 to 15 age group, while the National level is for athletes in the 16-and-above division. Annual membership fee for the program is only \$25.

For more information about NMA and its programs, contact Rangamar at 989-5225 or send email to eliasrangamar@hotmail.com. **(Saipan Tribune)**



# 6th Australian Youth Olympic Festival

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Kensuke Kimura, third left, joins other members of Oceania Team for a group photo at the Aquatics Centre of the Sydney Olympic Park in Australia during last week's 6th Australian Youth Olympic Festival.



Members of the Oceania Team pose for a group photo with the logo of the 6th Australian Youth Olympic Festival as their backdrop.



Kensuke Kimura enjoys a light moment with his Oceania teammates.



Kensuke Kimura, right, poses with Seoul Olympic gold medalist Daichi Suzuki of Japan.



Kensuke Kimura is flanked by Tahiti's Maruiki Aitamai, right, and Alex Buvry.



Athletes wait for the opening ceremony of the competition.



One of the pools at the Aquatics Centre of the Sydney Olympic Park in Australia waits for the participating swimmers and spectators.



Oceania Team swimmers hold their practice session.



The Athletes Village at Sydney University where Kensuke Kimura and the more than 1,700 athletes were billeted.



Kensuke Kimura, second right, back row, poses with his teammates in one of the pools at the Aquatics Centre of the Sydney Olympic Park.



Kensuke Kimura joins his teammates in performing warm-up drills.



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## KFC stuns Mobil, enters semis



KFC/Taco Bell's Jaymark De Guzman leaps up for a putback during their playoff game against Mobil in the QQ Cup last Wednesday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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**K**FC/Taco Bell pulled off an upset over dethroned champion Mobil, 93-85, in the second playoff game in the 3rd QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup last Wednesday at the Garapan Basketball Court to advance to the semifinals.



KFC faces Lions Club/NMC Proa tonight at 8pm in the second Final Four pairing, while Blue Haus takes on OCM in the opening semis tiff at 6:30pm. OCM posted a similar stunner against KB Market last Wednesday, 65-59, to clinch the third semis seat.

The battle for the final semis slot started with Mobil assuming a shaky 27-26 edge in the first quarter. Banjo Basila and Gyles Ruloked hooked up for 18 points for Mobil, while KFC remained hot on the trail after getting a handful of three-pointers in the opening period.

Jun Estolas then took over for Mobil in the second canto, scoring 11 points, but KFC kept on hitting their triples to stay in the

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## Rays foil Dolphins' bid for sweep

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The Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays outlasted the Dolphins of the Marianas High School, 92-86, in the varsity game in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Basketball League last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The victory in the main ticket barnburner helped Southern avoid an MHS sweep, as the Dolphins won the first two games last Wednesday before foul troubles hurt the latter's chances in the finale.



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Saipan Southern High School's Jack Aranda wields a shot through the lane against Marianas High School's Erick Dela Rosa during their MISO varsity game last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The win was Southern's second in as many games, while MHS dropped its first after three matches.

Jaymark De Guzman paced the Rays with 6 his points in the opening period to give Southern an early 19-15 lead. MHS kept it a back and forth match through the first half and only trailed by a bucket at intermission, 42-44. De Guzman remained at the helm for SSHS in the second quarter and added 9 points that were supported by the combined 13 markers of Jack Aranda and Bryl Alegre. John Darag led the Dolphins with a dozen.

Darag added 4 more in the third quarter before fouling out, but MHS managed to lock the match at 63-all, heading into the

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## NMA launches Taga Kids Athletics



Northern Marianas Athletics is introducing a new program this season.

Dubbed as "Taga Kids Athletics," the program is for children in the 5 to 12 age group and will kick off with a registration and camp at the Oleai Sports Complex. Registration will run from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, from 4pm to 6pm, while a four-week camp will follow with the dates to be announced later. Entry fee is only \$15 and

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A student athlete competes in the softball throw during last year's qualifying tournament for the NMA All Schools Championships at the Oleai Sports Complex. This year, Northern Marianas Athletics will kick off the season with the Taga Kids Athletics.

## Servitek, Adobo slip past foes



Servitek and Adobo prevailed in separate down-to-the-wire games in Division B of the DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai

Basketball Court.

Servitek repulsed LD Prime in the curtain raiser, 64-62, while Adobo survived Morales in the late night match, 70-69, to begin their bid in the eight-team field on a positive note and join

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Adobo's Genesis Mamaril, right, pulls up for a jumper against Morales' Prince Factor during their Division B game in the DLX/Anchor Strong caging last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.